



## Family Weekly Cookbook

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A special family dinner menu includes savory Pork Chops with Orange-Apricot Dressing, brown-buttered green beans, spiced crab apples, and crisp bread sticks.

# Family Dinner

### Pork Chops with Orange-Apricot Dressing

TO PREPARE: 30 MIN. TO BAKE: 1 HR.

- 1 teaspoon fat
- 6 pork chops, cut 1/2 to 3/4 in. thick
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 qt. toasted bread cubes
- 1 cup orange pieces
- 1/2 cup quartered dried apricots
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup snipped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground mace
- 1/16 teaspoon ground cloves

1. Heat the fat in a skillet; add chops and brown well on both sides over medium heat. Remove chops from pan and sprinkle on both sides with a mixture of the 3/4 teaspoon salt and the pepper.
2. Add onion to the skillet and cook until onion is soft.

3. Toss together the toasted bread cubes, onion, and next five ingredients. Turn dressing into a 2-qt. baking dish and top with the pork chops.

4. Combine the orange juice, lemon juice, and garlic; stir in a mixture of the last five ingredients until well blended. Pour about 3 tablespoons of the orange juice mixture over the chops.

5. Bake at 350°F 1 hr., or until meat is tender, basting occasionally with the remaining orange sauce.

6. To serve, remove chops and keep warm. Turn dressing onto a heated serving plate and top with the chops. If additional flavor and crunch is desired, toss 1 cup of buttered toasted bread cubes\* with the dressing before turning onto the serving plate. *6 servings*

\*Buttered Toasted Bread Cubes—Trim crusts from 2 slices of toasted bread; cut into 1/2-in. cubes. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet, add toast cubes, and toss until all sides are coated and browned.

### Horse-radish Beet Mold

TO PREPARE: 10 MIN. TO CHILL: 3-4 HRS.

- 1 3-oz. pkg. lemon-flavored gelatin
- 1 1-lb. jar whole beets, drained (reserve liquid)
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons onion soup mix
- 2 tablespoons prepared horse-radish
- 1 large stalk celery, cut in pieces

1. Lightly oil a 3-cup mold with salad or cooking oil (not olive oil); drain.
2. Add enough water to the beet liquid to make 1 1/4 cups; heat thoroughly and pour over gelatin in a bowl. Stir until gelatin is completely dissolved.
3. Pour dissolved gelatin into blender container; add beets and remaining ingredients. Blend until mixture is puréed.
4. Turn into the mold and chill until firm, 3 to 4 hrs.

5. To serve, unmold onto a chilled serving plate. *About 6 servings*

**Creamy Horse-radish Beet Mold**  
Follow recipe for *Horse-radish Beet Mold*. Add 1/2 cup thick sour cream to the beet mixture before blending.

### Chocolate-Prune Whip

TO PREPARE: 15 MIN. TO CHILL: 1 HR.

- 1 cup sieved cooked prunes
- 1 cup (6-oz. pkg.) semisweet chocolate pieces, melted
- 1 cup whipping cream, whipped

1. Stir melted chocolate into sieved prunes until thoroughly blended.
2. Fold into whipped cream and pile mixture into chilled parfait or sherbet glasses. Chill thoroughly. *About 6 servings*

### Pecan Puffs

TO PREPARE: 20 MIN. TO BAKE: 20-25 MIN. (allow time for chilling dough)

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup pecans, finely chopped

1. Cream butter until softened; add sugar gradually, creaming until fluffy after each addition.
2. Blend flour and salt; add in halves, mixing until well blended after each addition. Stir in the nuts. Chill the dough thoroughly.
3. Shape dough into 3/4-in. balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheets.
4. Bake at 325°F for 20 to 25 min.
5. While still warm, roll in sifted confectioners' sugar, sweetened Dutch process cocoa, or Cinnamon Sugar. *About 4 doz. cookies*

**Cinnamon Sugar**—Blend together 3/4 cup sugar and 1/4 cup ground cinnamon.



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