Granola

Nancy Hildebrandt

4 cups rolled oats 2 tsp. cinnamon 1-2 cups pecans Flax meal (optional) 3/2 cup honey

1 ½ cups Splenda
Maple syrup or low-fat syrup
5 cups dried fruit and nuts
(cranberries, raisins, dates, apricots, etc.)

Mix oats, cinnamon, pecans, and flax meal together in large bowl. Boil honey for 1 minute. Remove from heat and add Splenda. Stir into oat mixture. Add a few squirts of maple syrup or low-fat syrup to moisten. Bake at 300° for 1 hour. Stir every 15 minutes.

Add a total of 5 cups of dried fruits and nuts to mix.

Granola Bars

Megan Hildebrandt

2 cups Rice Krispies 2 cups old-fashioned oats ½ cup raisins or cranberries ½ cup sunflower seeds ½ cup peanuts ½ cup almonds
½ cup packed brown sugar
½ cup light corn syrup
½ cup peanut butter
1 tsp. vanilla

Spray 9x13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. In medium saucepan, cook peanut butter, corn syrup, and brown sugar over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes, until bubbly. Remove from heat and add vanilla.

Combine remaining ingredients. Pour peanut butter mixture over dry ingredients. Mix well. Press into pan. Let cool. Cut into squares. *Makes 24 servings*.