

Have You Heard?

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SOLUBLE FIBER FACTS

Some of the nation's top health experts recently met to talk about an important component of many foods: soluble fiber. They agree that Americans are not eating enough of it. And that most consumers do not know about the health benefits of eating foods

high in soluble fiber. Research has revealed that soluble fiber can help control blood cholesterol levels when added to a low fat

You have probably heard a great deal about soluble fiber without realizing it. It's the soluble fiber that gives oat bran its appeal.

The untold story is that soluble fiber is available from many sources and you should include more of it in your diet by choosing several different food sources every day.

One of the best sources of soluble fiber is psyllium (sil e um); the p is silent. Psyllium is a natural grain with a wholesome nutty taste. It is unique in that it is very high in soluble fiber, and also provides insoluble fiber. It contains eight times more soluble fiber than oat bran, and is one of the most concentrated sources of soluble fiber known.

Consumed in Asia for centuries, psyllium has been used in America primarily in popular bulk laxatives. People have been adding these products to their daily routines to increase their intake of fiber. But now psyllium can be

found in breakfast cereal, making it easier to include in our diet. And it certainly is more sensible to get the fiber we need from food.

Soluble fiber can be found in many foods, including grains like psyllium, barley and oats; legumes, including lentils, dried peas and beans; dried fruits like prunes, raisins and figs; and fresh fruits like apples and pears. To increase your intake of soluble fiber, try these simple hints:

* Add legumes or barley to soups and casseroles. * Add dried fruits to dessens and salads.

* Grab an apple as a snack. * Bake muffins with a cereal containing pysllium.

SPICE MUFFINS 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

1 tablespoon baking powder

2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

2 cups Kellogg's Heartwise

1/2 cup firmly packed brown

sugar

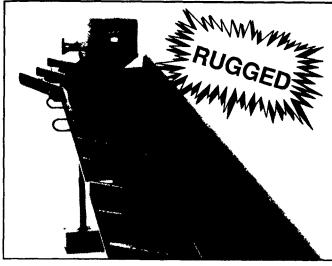
1-1/4 cup skim milk 2 egg whites

1/4 cup vegetable oil

Stir together flour, salt, baking powder and pumpkin pie spice. Set aside.

In large mixing bowl, combine cereal, sugar and milk. Let stand 3 minutes or until cereal softens. Add egg whites and oil; mix well. Add flour mixture, stirring only until combined. Portion batter evenly into 12 lightly greased 2-1/2-inch muffin pans.

Bake in 400 degree F. oven about 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm. Yield: 12 muffins.



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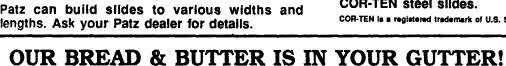
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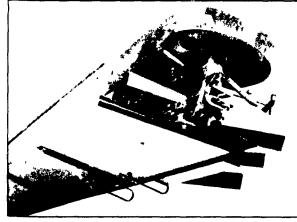
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