

## **Peanut Butter Energy Bars**

Prep: 10 minutes | Chill: 1 hour | Total: 1 hour 10 minutes

Yield: 24 servings | Serving Size: 1 bar

## **Ingredients**

Nonstick cooking spray

1 cup creamy natural peanut butter

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

½ cup honey or agave

1 cup ground flax seed (flax meal)

2 cups rolled (old fashioned) oats

½ cup dried tart cherries, chopped

½ cup sliced almonds

## **Directions**

- 1. Coat the inside of a 9x13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the peanut butter, vanilla, honey, and ground flaxseed.
- 3. Stir in the oats, dried cherries and sliced almonds.
- 4. Press the mixture firmly into prepared pan, the cover with a lid or plastic wrap. Place in the refrigerator to chill for at least 1 hour.
- 5. Remove from the refrigerator and cut into 24 bars.
- 6. Wrap each bar and store in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

## **Recipe Notes**

- Substitute your favorite nuts, nut butter, or dried fruit as desired.
- Substitute ½ cup mini semi-sweet chocolate chips for the dried fruit, if desired.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories: 170 | Total Fat: 10 g | Saturated Fat: 2 g Sodium: 35 mg | Total Carbohydrate: 17 g | Dietary Fiber: 3 g | Protein: 2 g

