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Making Your Holidays Brighter With Chocolate Pecan Pie

By Danny Fox

Food has always been a significant part of the holidays. Whether you are roasting a turkey for Thanksgiving, baking a ham for Christmas, or grilling hot dogs for the 4th of July, food stands out and has to be perfect when having the family or friends over for the holidays. Not only is turkey or ham important, dessert is also essential to the perfect holiday dinner. A chocolate pecan pie, for example, is a great and unexpected addition to a dessert table and changes an old favorite into a special treat that will be talked about all year.

Chocolate Pecan Pie for Independence Day

The 4th of July represents freedom, fireworks, and of course barbecues. When planning a summer time barbecue, hot dogs and hamburgers are the staple foods. You will also see many side dishes during an outdoor celebration, such as baked beans, coleslaw, and potato salad.

However, thinking of dessert you might picture pudding or ice cream to cool you off in the summer heat. But a chocolate pecan pie can be a perfect and unexpected treat during any barbecue. Putting the chocolate pecan pie in the fridge before serving will make it cold and even more delicious in the summer heat. Plus buying a chocolate pecan pie is a time saver since it will reduce your time in the kitchen and gives you more time outside to enjoy your friends and the summer sun.

Traditional Thanksgiving & the Chocolate Pecan Pie

When having the entire family over for Thanksgiving, you will be busy roasting the turkey and cooking the dressing. However, when thinking of dessert, why not buy a pie? The traditional pies, of course, are pumpkin and plain pecan but if you want a delicious pie the family will love having every year try something unique. A chocolate pecan pie can be that unique addition. Buying a tasty pie will give you more time, as well as relieving stress that the pie will be burnt and it will save your oven time for that mammoth turkey. A chocolate pecan pie tastes great with turkey, as well as other Thanksgiving favorites like cranberry sauce and green bean casserole.

Christmas Chocolate Pecan Pie

Christmas morning is always so exciting. Seeing presents surrounding the tree and watching the

excitement of children and adults as they open their gifts is one of the nicest ways to spend any morning. But presents are just the beginning. After opening the presents, you need to have an amazing dinner.

While traditional Christmas dinners vary, most consist of ham, mashed potatoes, and similar comfort foods. However, that dinner needs a delicious dessert and those cups of eggnog need a tasty companion. Why not choose a chocolate pecan pie to fill that void? This pie will be a great replacement to fruitcake and will taste wonderful.

Holidays with Chocolate Pecan Pie

If you've never known the pleasure of a chocolate pecan pie, why not make it a new holiday tradition for your family.

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**Reasons to Buy – Not Bake – a Chocolate Pecan Pie
By Michelle Parks**

You want a chocolate pecan pie but you don't know whether to bake one from scratch or to buy one from a quality producer. That's a big dilemma but one that could easily be solved after reviewing a few of the best reasons to buy not bake your next chocolate pecan pie.

Reason #1 to Buy Your Chocolate Pecan Pie: Convenience

Cooking a chocolate pecan pie can be time-consuming, challenging, and a bit messy. If you've ever made your own pecan pie, you already know what that involves and it doesn't get any easier when you throw in some chocolate.

One of the biggest problems is the incredible stickiness of the corn syrup. Because of its high sweetness, if you get that syrup on anything it's very hard to get rid of the sticky residue. Plus, most dishwashers seem to require multiple loads before they can get the remnants of the pie off your dishware.

When you buy a ready made chocolate pecan pie, you don't have to worry about any of this. You just eat the pie, enjoy every sweet morsel, and throw the empty container away when it's done. You may have a few sticky forks and a pie server that's a bit of a challenge but that's a pretty good bargain.

Reason #2 to Buy Your Chocolate Pecan Pie: Cost

While buying a pre-prepared food is usually going to cost a lot more, that's not necessarily the case with a chocolate pecan pie. When it comes to traditional pies, these can be pretty pricey to make at home. The main reason is the cost of pecans. One pound bags of these in local supermarkets can cost as much as \$7 to \$9 and those aren't even the best quality varieties.

Plus, you'll need corn syrup, chocolate, a pie shell, and other ingredients which can further escalate the price.

Buying a chocolate pecan pie will probably cost you a bit more than a homemade one but if you also consider the time you'll save by not doing the cooking or the shopping you'll probably see that you've actually saved money in the long run.

Reason #3 to Buy Your Chocolate Pecan Pie: Taste

Pecan pies can be one of the trickier pies to cook and to cook well. With a chocolate pecan pie, you've got the extra pressure of perfectly melting your chocolate and that's not something all cooks have mastered.

If you cook your chocolate pecan pie too long, the crust will darken too much and the pecans will be too hard to cut through when you're eating. If you cook your chocolate pecan pie too little, you won't have that perfect consistency in the lower layer. Because oven times and temperatures vary greatly, following a perfect recipe is no guarantee you'll get a perfect pie.

To Buy or Not to Buy

When it comes down to buying or baking your next chocolate pecan pie, you've now clearly seen which choice is going to be the most convenient, affordable, and delicious.

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