## **Apricot Oatmeal Bars**

## Ingredients

- 2 cups Quaker® Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 2 cups ground almonds or pecans, divided
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt (optional)
- 1 ½ cups butter, softened
- 1 ½ cups plus 1 tbsp powdered sugar, divided
- 4 egg yolks or 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 1 (18 oz) jar apricot preserves (about 1 ½ cups)
- 1 cup finely chopped dried apricots
- 2 tbsp orange-flavored liqueur (optional)

## How to make it

- 1. Heat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Lightly grease 13 x 9-inch baking pan.
- 3. In medium bowl, combine oats, 1 ½ cups ground almonds, flour and salt; mix well.
- 4. Set aside.
- 5. In large bowl, beat butter and 1 ½ cups powdered sugar until creamy.
- 6. Add egg yolks, vanilla and almond extract; beat well.
- 7. Stir in oat mixture; mix well.
- 8. Reserve 1 ? cups; put in small bowl and set aside.
- 9. Spread remaining oat mixture on bottom of prepared pan.
- 10. Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until light golden brown.
- 11. Cool 10 minutes on wire rack.



PREP	COOK	TOTAL	SERVINGS
TIME	TIME	TIME	
15 min	45 min	60 min	48

## Made with



**Quaker® Oats-Old Fashioned** 

- 12. In small bowl, combine preserves, apricots and liqueur; mix well.
- 13. Spread evenly over partially baked crust.
- 14. Add remaining 1/2 cup ground almonds to reserved oat mixture; mix well.
- 15. Drop by 1/4 teaspoonfuls evenly over apricot mixture.
- 16. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until light golden brown.
- 17. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.
- 18. Sprinkle with remaining 1 tablespoon powdered sugar.
- 19. Cut into bars.
- 20. Store tightly covered.