

# Re: OT: Favorite Thanksgiving Recipes

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'Course I'm in Arkansas, down south, and we eat cornbread dressing. My husband and I butted heads about dressing – till he tasted my mom's, which he said was better than HIS mom's. She used stale light bread. My mom makes cornbread and we snack on the cornbread while we're making the dressing. She puts hers down in a glass of sweet milk. UGH. We finally decided to call hers "stuffing" and my mom's "dressing" just to make peace. :) She makes a huge roaster full of regular dressing and a small pan of oyster dressing for my (spoiled) brother.

My favorite cranberry sauce is the Ocean Spray kind that comes in a can, and when you flump it out in the serving dish it has those little grooves in it from the can. My mom makes all kinds of good cranberry sauce, but she always has to have a dish of that cheap stuff for my dad and me (spoiled?).

I love that fruit salad that she makes with cream cheese and fruit cocktail. I love her pecan pies and everybody else's give me horrible heartburn.

I have learned to make her dressing and have tried to make her pecan pies but I'm not too hot with the pies yet.

Thanksgiving is a bittersweet time for me because this is the time when my husband and I spent every night in the kitchen making stars (sugar cookies, but the star cookie cutter made the best ones because they were small and crispy. We finally just started making stars and leaving the others out), and fudge, and all his special cookie recipes that were so beautiful and tasted SO BAD, LOL. We always had a ham on the smoker and an ice chest of beer on the porch, and it's when we started playing Christmas music.

I shouldn't say it is a bittersweet time – that was wrong. I should have said that I really miss him this time of year, but it's when some of our sweetest memories were made.

Besides, now I'm stuck cooking all the stuff. After he died, I thought "OMG I WILL STARVE" – but I'm a long way from that, LOL.

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