

Cherry Cheesecake Cookie Bars

Makes 12 servings

Ingredients:

- Cooking spray
- 1 (17.5-ounce) package sugar cookie mix
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup cherry pie filling



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9 X 13-inch baking pan with cooking spray.
2. Combine cookie mix, egg, and butter in a medium bowl; press into a pan.
3. Beat cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla; spread over dough.
4. Spoon cherry filling on top.
5. Bake 30–35 minutes.
6. Cool completely before slicing.

Fun Food Fact

Cherries have been cultivated for over 2,000 years, and Roman armies are credited with spreading cherry trees across Europe as they expanded their empire.