



## About this book

You may wonder why the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) created this cookbook.

It's simple: Like recipes, math is used in everyday life.

Measurement, volume, ratio, proportional reasoning—and by extension, attention to detail—are some of the key mathematical concepts in every recipe that are necessary to achieve successful and tasty results.

We have chosen to publish a cookbook not only to demonstrate the everyday uses of mathematics, but also to raise funds to support the dedicated mathematics and preservice teachers through NCTM's Mathematics Education Trust (MET). MET channels the generosity of contributors through the creation and funding of grants, awards, honors, and projects that support the improvement of mathematics teaching and learning.

This cookbook consists of contributions from leaders of mathematics education nationwide and NCTM staff members as well as others who are important to the organization. We asked everyone to include notes on the recipes they sent to give us a little insight into them. Some have been handed down from generation to generation, while others include helpful hints on how to make the dish wonderful every time it's made. The recipes are organized into seven chapters: Appetizers; Soups & Salads; Entrées; Beignets, Breads & More; Side Dishes; Cakes, Pies, Cookies & More; and Extras. In the back of the book, you will find a helpful index to make finding a recipe or tip quick and easy as well as a measurement conversion chart for those of you working with the metric system. The acknowledgments include a list of all contributors to this book. We want to thank them all for their participation on this important endeavor.

We are confident that you will want to try many of these favorite recipes from the United States and Canada! We think you will find the recipes in this book both enticing and satisfying. Proceeds from the sale of this book will support MET programs. We hope you will share *Recipes You Can Count On* with your friends and family. It would also make a great gift to your children's teachers.

We especially want to thank you for **supporting teachers ... reaching students ... building futures!**

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The cookbook will be launched and available for sale beginning with the 2014 NCTM Annual Meeting & Exposition, April 9–12, in New Orleans. In homage to the host city, we’re featuring the “Old-Fashioned Beignets” recipe submitted by Pastry Chef Chad Gilchrist of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel. Our thanks to the chef and hotel for sharing the recipe for this treasured indulgence with us.

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