

Feeding America Search Help

The goal of our search page is to help you in finding information within our collection as well as helping you locate recipes. The following information may be helpful to you in conducting your search.

Using the Search Page

When using our *Feeding America* Search, you must first select a "Search Type". The use for each type is described below.

Search Types:

- **Book Author** - This type of search allows you to search for all books in the collection that were written by a specific author. If, for example, you wished to look for all materials written by Fannie Farmer, you would select this type of search and enter "Farmer, Fannie " into the search field.

Entire names are not required. You may also search for a partial name, just a first name, or just a last name.

This type of search may also be conducted by using "The Authors" section of this site which can be found by selecting "The Authors" from the top navigation bar. Authors in this section are organized alphabetically by last name.

- **Book Title** - This type of search allows you to search for all books with your search string within their title.

If you are looking for a specific title you may also conduct your search using the "Browse the Collection" section of this site. Books in this area are arranged alphabetically by title.

- **Recipe Name** - This type of search allows you to search for all recipes with your search string within their title.

For example, this type of search would be useful if you were interested in finding all the recipes for "Chocolate Cake" within our collection. Searching for "chocolate cake" under recipe name would result in a list of all the recipes with the words "chocolate

cake" in their title.

- **Ingredients** - This type of search allows you to search for recipes containing a specific ingredient.

For example, if you found yourself with a surplus of raisins and wanted to search for every recipe in the collection in which your raisins could be used, typing "raisins" into the search field would produce a list of recipes which include raisins in the ingredient list.

- **Advanced** - An Advanced Search allows you to conduct a more specific type of search. Selecting this option will bring up to new search fields: Search Criteria (required) and Search Limits (optional).

- **Search Criteria:** In order to conduct an advanced search you must use at least one of these fields, but you can use more. The fields are:
 - **with all of the words** - Searches within the text of the collection for ALL of the words entered here.
 - **with at least one of the words** - Searches within the text of the collection for ONE OR MORE of the words entered here.
 - **with the exact phrase** - Searches within the text of the collection for EXACTLY the words entered here.
 - **without the words** - Searches within the text of the collection for pages which DO NOT CONTAIN these words.

These options can be used in any combination to help narrow your search.

For example, if you were searching for recipes in which to use raisins, but were allergic to peanuts you could enter "raisins" into the **with all of the words** search field and "peanuts" into the **without the words** field before selecting "search".

Doing this would bring up a list of pages which contained "raisins" but not "peanuts". Searching in this manner would be much quicker than looking through every "raisin" entry and eliminating every "peanut" entry manually.

- **Search Limits:** Entering search limits is optional but they can help you refine your search. A search limit instructs the search engine to only look for your search terms in a select portion of the digital collection. The options available under "Search Limits" are:
 - **None** - Select this option if you do not wish to use search limits.
 - **Recipes** - Select this option if you wish to only search within the recipes contained in the collection. This option allows you to further narrow your search by selecting from the following options:
 - **Recipe Type** - This pull-down menu allows you to narrow your search to specific recipe types.
 - **Recipe: Name, Ingredient, or Both** - This allows you to select if you would like to conduct your search on ONLY the Name of the recipe, ONLY within the ingredients of the recipe, or both.
 - **Regional of America** - This pull down menu allows you to narrow your search to recipes which have been labeled as a specialty to a specific region of the United States.
 - **Special Occasion Recipes** - This pull down menu allows you to narrow your search to recipes which have been labeled as attached to a specific Holiday or Special Occasion.
 - **Alcoholic Beverages** - This narrows your search to only searching within recipes for alcoholic beverages.
 - **Instructions** - Select this option if you wish to limit your search to just the instruction portions of the Cookbooks within our collection. Selecting 'Instructions' will bring up a pull down menu from which you may choose:
 - **All Instruction Types** - Searches through all instructions in the collection.
 - **Farming, Gardening, Care of Livestock** - Searches only instructions regarding these topics.
 - **Household Products** - Searches only instructions regarding this topic.

- **Home Remedies, Personal Hygiene -**
Searches only instructions regarding these topics.

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