## Chocolate-Dipped Cherry Treats



## Ingredients

1 to 2 pounds fresh California Bing cherries

6 oz. semi sweet chocolate chips

## **Directions**

- 1. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.
- 2. Heat chocolate over medium heat, stirring often with a wooden spoon until melted, about five minutes.

**Note:** Use a double boiler. Or fill a saucepan half full with water and place chocolate in a small, deep heatproof bowl that fits snugly on the saucepan, but does not touch the water.

3. Wash cherries with stems on and let dry.

**Optional pitting instructions:** Using a cherry pitting device, carefully remove the pit going through the cherry cross-ways rather than from top to bottom. This will allow the stem to remain intact. The hole in the middle of the cherry will be covered with chocolate when dipped.

- 4. Carefully pick cherries up by the stem and dip just over half-way into the melted chocolate. Let excess chocolate drip back into the pan or bowl.
- 5. Place on aluminum-lined cookie sheet and set in the refrigerator until the chocolate has set, about 15 minutes.
- 6. Serve immediately or store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

