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## Pecan Cheesecake Bars

adapted from Southern Lady Simply Southern

1 ½ cups all purpose flour

1 ½ cups firmly packed light brown sugar, divided

½ cup butter, softened

2 cups finely chopped pecans, divided

2 (8oz) packages cream cheese, softened

½ cup sugar

½ cup milk

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

½ cup light corn syrup

1/₃ cup butter, melted

3 large eggs, lightly beaten

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine flour and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup brown sugar. Using a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup pecans. Press mixture evenly in bottom of a 13 x 9-inch baking pan; bake for 10 minutes.
- 3. In a medium bowl, combine cream cheese and sugar; beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Add milk and vanilla, beating until well combined; pour over cooled crust. Bake for 15 minutes; remove from oven, and cool for 10 minutes,
- 4. In a medium bowl, combine remaining ¾ cup brown sugar, corn syrup, melted butter, and eggs. Stir in remaining 1 ½ cups pecans. Pour brown sugar mixture over cream cheese mixture. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or

until center is set.