Milk Chocolate Maple Bacon Cookies (Makes 4 dozen)

Recipe from The Foodie Affair

Ingredients:

1 pound bacon, cooked until crisp, well drained, cooled and cut into small pieces

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature

1 cup packed brown sugar, plus extra for sprinkling

1/2 cup maple syrup (use real, not flavored)

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/4 tsp. sea salt, plus extra for sprinkling

2 tsp. maple extract

2 eggs

2 3/4 cup all purpose flour

1 12-ounce bag of milk chocolate chips

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
- 2. In a large bowl, beat together the butter, brown sugar, maple syrup, baking soda, salt and maple extract until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time.
- 3. Mix in flour until well blended. Add chocolate chips and bacon. Using a one inch cookie scoop, scoop batter on prepared baking sheets. Sprinkle tops lightly with sea salt and brown sugar. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool before transferring to a cooling rack.

Note: No bacon for you? These cookies taste delicious without the bacon.

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