

## **Cheese Appetizers**

## Cooper® Sharp Cheesy Bacon Potato Skins















## Ingredients

- · 8 russet potatoes, scrubbed
- Olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled\*
- 8 ounces Cooper® Sharp White cheese, shredded
- Sour cream
- Chives, chopped

## Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2. Pierce potatoes in a few places with a fork and rub with olive oil. Season the potatoes generously with salt and pepper.
- 3. Place potatoes on a rack set into a rimmed baking sheet. Place in the oven and roast until soft when squeezed and skin is crisp, or about 60 to 75 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool.
- 4. Heat the broiler to high.
- 5. Cut the roasted potatoes in half and scoop out the majority of the flesh (save for mashed potatoes or another use), leaving about a 1/4-inch border attached to the skins. Brush both sides of the potato skins with olive oil. Season the insides with salt and pepper.

- 6. Return the potato skins to the rack. Broil, turning once until skins are crisp and flesh is golden, about 5 to 7 minutes per side. Remove from the oven.
- 7. Fill each potato skin with crumbled bacon, then top each with an equal portion of Cooper® cheese. Return potato skins to the oven and broil until cheese is melted, about 2 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool.
- 8. Top each potato skin with a dollop of sour cream and sprinkle with chives. Then dig in!
- \* Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.