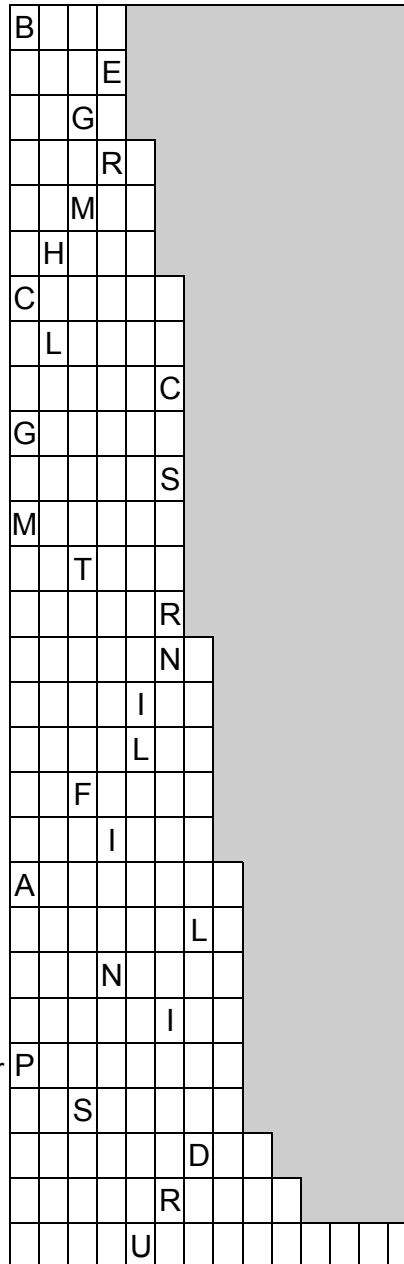


HERBS AND SPICES!



Hops are used in the brewing of ___
 ___ and nutmeg come from the same tree
 ___ has a slightly peppery taste and is used to spice up fatty meat
 Cumin is an ingredient in most ___ powder recipes
 Not surprisingly, ___ grass adds a citrus flavor to soups and teas
 If you are using this herb take the time to remove the stems
 Popular baked potato topping
 An orange studded with dried ___ makes for a nice holiday aroma
 This comes in heads made up of cloves - vampires beware!
 ___ is root tuber that is used as spice or in teas for stomach upsets
 Bay ___ can be used to flower soups and stews
 Garam ___ is an Indian blend of ground spices
 From the Spice Islands, ___ is the seed of an evergreen tree
 Freshly ground white, green or black ___
 Dried ___ is popular in Greek and Italian dishes
 A reddish spice, ___ can be mild or spicy hot
 ___ comes as a curly or flat leaf variety and can be used as a garnish
 The most expensive spice comes from a variety of crocus flower
 ___ beans come in pods and are native to Central America
 ___ is not a mixture of spices but the dried fruit of a plant
 ___ is a popular smoked-dried jalapeno chili
 ___ is obtained from the bark of a small evergreen tree
 Anise has a ___ flavor used in Absinthe and Sambuca liquors
 Herbes de ___ is a mixture of savory, basil, thyme, fennel and lavender
 ___ Clooney might like this herb
 ___ is the European name for cilantro, popular in Mexican dishes
 Popular flavor of candy canes, also good for medicinal teas
 Common table salt's chemical name



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