

hear grandma say, south wind is blowing, and it's a pretty day... winter time now, better get some sweet potatoes out. My dad and mother would go out and get them out, maybe be a bushel. They'd get them out. They'd barely open that hole up when wind is blowing from the north. ~~They use to say spoil if cold air get~~ in there. They used to say that north air is different from the south. I don't care how warm it is, they wouldn't dare to open it if north wind is blowing.

(How long would they keep?)

They keep till way in spring. I remember some time they use to have...better get out all your potatoes and let them air out. But as soon as little cloud or something came, they cover it.

(How did you fix sweet potatoes?)

Well, they used to ....mostly all of them, they bake them. And they used to, we used to have big grass houses and we cook there all the time. And it's always hot along the edge, and we always bury our potatoes there, all around. No one was ever allowed to spit in that fire. We made a lot of use of it.

(Were there any dishes you made where you mixed sweet potatoes with other things?)

Oh, of course, when these pots and kettles came in, we used to boil little ones, you know.

(What are they called in Wichita, sweet potatoes?)

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(We've talked about corn and beans and squash and sweet potatoes.

Were there any other ones the Wichitas farmed?)

I think that was our main dishes, the pumpkin and the corn. Of course the beans and sweet potatoes. Yea, that's about. Of course, they went out and got wild things.

WILD PLANT FOODS USED, PLUMS, MESQUITE BEANS, HACKBERRIES, WALNUTS, ETC.

(Do you remember some of those?)

I don't even remember. I remember grandma she used to talk about it, but I never did see what she was talking about?

(What about things like plums?)

I don't know. We never did can plums. I don't know if they ever dried plums. I know I learned to dry plums from a Kiowa woman.