

Harvest Stew



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Makes: 25 or 50 Servings

This hearty dish is a perfect blend of spinach, sweet potatoes, red potatoes, northern beans, tomatoes, and chicken. To round out the dish, the flavors of carrots, celery, onions, and garlic take this stew to the next level.

Directions for:

25 Servings

50 Servings

Ingredients

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Vegetable oil

2 1/2 Tbsp
1/4 cup 1 Tbsp

1. Heat oil: For 25 servings, use a large stockpot. For 50 servings, use a roasting pan/square head pan (20 7/8" x 7") on top of stove. Sauté onions, carrots, and celery for 5 minutes until slightly browned.

*Fresh onions, diced

10 oz
1 1/2 cups
1 lb 4 oz

3 cups

*Fresh carrots, diced

6 oz
1 cup
12 oz
2 cups

*Fresh celery, diced

8 1/2 oz
1 2/3 cups
1 lb 1 oz
3 1/3 cups

Enriched all-purpose flour

1 1/2 oz
1/4 cup 1/2 Tbsp
3 oz
1/2 cup 1 Tbsp

2. Sprinkle flour over vegetables and mix well. Add water and base. Mix well. Bring to a boil uncovered

Water

1 qt 1 cup
2 qt 2 cups

Low-sodium chicken base

1 1/2 tsp
1 Tbsp

Salt-free seasoning

1/2 tsp
1 tsp

3. Add seasoning and garlic powder. Cook uncovered over medium heat for 2 minutes.

Garlic powder

1/2 tsp
1 tsp

Canned low-sodium diced tomatoes

1 lb 10 oz
3 1/4 cups (1/4 No. 10 can)
3 lb 4 oz
1 qt 2 1/2 cups (1/2 No. 10 can)

4. Add tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and red potatoes. Simmer uncovered over low heat for 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

*Fresh sweet potatoes, peeled, cubed 1"

12 oz

3 1/2 cups

1 lb 8 oz

1 qt 3 cups

*Fresh red potatoes, unpeeled, cubed 1"

12 oz

2 cups

1 lb 8 oz

1 qt

Frozen, cooked diced chicken, thawed, 1/2" pieces

13 oz

2 2/3 cups

1 lb 10 oz

1 qt 1 1/3 cups

5. Add chicken, beans, and spinach. Simmer uncovered for an additional 10 minutes. Critical Control Point: Heat to 165 °F or higher for at least 15 seconds.

Canned low-sodium great northern beans, drained, rinsed

3 lb 8 oz

1 qt 2 2/3 cups (7/8 No. 10 can)

7 lb

3 qt 1 1/3 cups (1 3/4 No. 10 cans)

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*Dry great northern beans, cooked (See Notes Section)

3 lb 8 oz

1 qt 2 2/3 cups

7 lb

3 qt 1 1/3 cups

*Fresh baby spinach, chopped

2 1/2 oz

1 cup

5 oz

2 cups

6. Critical Control Point: Hold for hot service at 135 °F or higher.

7. Portion with 6 fl oz ladle (3/4 cup).

Serving

3/4 cup (6 fl oz ladle) provides: Legume as Meat Alternate: 1 1/2 oz equivalent meat/meat alternate, 1/8 cup red/orange vegetable, and 1/4 cup additional vegetable.

Notes

Our Story

When the recipe challenge team came together to work on this project, they had no idea what they had gotten themselves into. Their first task was figuring out how to organize a tasting event because their school had over 750 students. The team then experimented with different ingredients and recipes which led to the development of Harvest Stew. The school is proud that North Carolina sweet potatoes from their Farm to School program were used in this stew.

This flavorful dish was created to satisfy the palate, while being a filling, nutritious meal to fuel the body for the rest of the day. Kids will be ecstatic over the taste of this recipe.

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*See Marketing Guide for purchasing information on foods that will change during preparation or when a variation of the ingredient is available.

Special tip for preparing dry beans:

SOAKING BEANS

OVERNIGHT METHOD: Add 1 ¾ qt cold water to every 1 lb of dry beans. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Discard the water. Proceed with recipe.

QUICK-SOAK METHOD: Boil 1 ¾ qt of water for each 1 lb of dry beans. Add beans and boil for 2 minutes.

Remove from heat and allow to soak for 1 hour. Discard the water. Proceed with recipe.

COOKING BEANS

Once the beans have been soaked, add 1 ¾ qt water for every lb of dry beans. Boil gently with lid tilted until tender, about 2 hours.

Use hot beans immediately.

Critical Control Point: Hold for hot service at 135 °F or higher.

OR

Chill for later use.

Critical Control Point: Cool to 70 °F within 2 hours and to 40 °F or lower within an additional 4 hours.

1 lb dry great northern beans = about 2 ½ cups dry or 6 ¼ cups cooked beans.

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup provides:

Legume as Vegetable: 1/2 oz equivalent meat, 1/4 cup legume vegetable, 1/8 cup red/orange vegetable, and 1/4 cup additional vegetable.

Legume vegetable can be counted as either a meat alternate or as a legume vegetable but not as both simultaneously.

Language

English



Source: Recipes for Healthy Kids Cookbook for Child Care Centers

[Find tips and resources](#) for safe food handling and proper cooking temperature guidance.

