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Red Beans and Rice With Pork

Prep Time: 35 mins **Cook Time:** 2 h 15 mins

Rest Time: 1 h

Total Time: 2 h 50 mins

Ingredients

> 1 pounds beans, red kidney

1 ham hock, smoked pork

1 medium onion(s), chopped

> 1 medium pepper(s), green, bell, chopped

2 stalk(s) celery, chopped

2 bay leaf

> 1/4 teaspoon pepper, cayenne

4 clove(s) garlic, minced

> 1/4 teaspoon salt

> 5 cup(s) rice, brown, hot cooked



Preparation

- 1. Rinse beans. In a large Dutch oven, combine beans and 6 cups water. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover and let stand for 1 hour. (Or place beans in 6 cups water in Dutch oven. Cover and let soak in a cool place for 6 to 8 hours or overnight.)
- 2. Drain and rinse beans. Return beans to Dutch oven. Add pork hock, onion, sweet pepper, celery, bay leaves, cayenne pepper, garlic, and 6 cups fresh water. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 1 1/2 hours or until beans are tender, stirring occasionally. (Add additional water during cooking, if necessary.)
- 3. Remove pork hock. When cool enough to handle, cut meat off bone; coarsely chop meat. Discard bone. Return chopped meat to Dutch oven. Return to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 30 to 40 minutes more or until a thick gravy forms, stirring occasionally.

4. Discard bay leaves. Stir in salt. Serve the bean mixture over hot cooked rice.