

Bean with Bacon Soup

Flavored with our Aubade

Ingredients:

- 1 lb Great Northern white beans
- 4 cups low sodium chicken stock
- 1 lb thick-cut bacon, cut Into 1 inch pieces
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 carrots, peeled and diced
- 2 stalks of celery, diced
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 tbs tomato paste
- 1/4 cup Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 2 whole Bay leaves
- Minced parsley, for garnish



Preparation:

- 1. Pick through the beans and remove MOB (material other than beans). Put the beans in a bowl and cover with water by two inches. Let them soak overnight.
- Drain the beans and place them in a pot. Add the chicken stock and 4 cups of water. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer.
- 3. While the beans are cooking, cook the bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until just barely crisp. Remove to a paper towel lined plate. Add 2/3 of the bacon to the beans and reserve the rest for garnish.
- 4. Drain excess bacon grease from the pan and add the onions, carrots, and celery. Season with salt and pepper and cook until just beginning to soften, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the garlic and tomato paste and cook for another minute or two. Add the vegetables to the beans. Add the bay leaf and give it a good stir.
- 5. Cover and cook on low (to medium-low) until the beans are tender, about 1 1/2 hours. Add a cup of broth if the liquid level gets too low.

To Serve:

Taste and add more salt and pepper if needed. Top with reserved bacon and chopped parsley. Serves 6 to 8.