

Zesty Spanish Rice

Ingredients

8 slices bacon, fried and crumbled
1 lb. hamburger, browned and drained
1 onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 t. smoked paprika
1 t. Kosher salt
½ t. garlic powder
1 c. basmati or other regular rice (do not use instant rice)
14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes with garlic and basil, **undrained**
4 c. tomato juice

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Cook bacon in the microwave between paper towels. (This removes more grease.)
3. Brown hamburger, drain. Add minced garlic and cook for 1 minute until fragrant.
4. Mix together all ingredients and place in a greased 9x13 pan.
5. Cover with foil and bake for 45 minutes.
6. Remove foil and bake for another 15-20 minutes. Liquid will be mostly absorbed.

Serves 8