



Fully-Cooked Ham

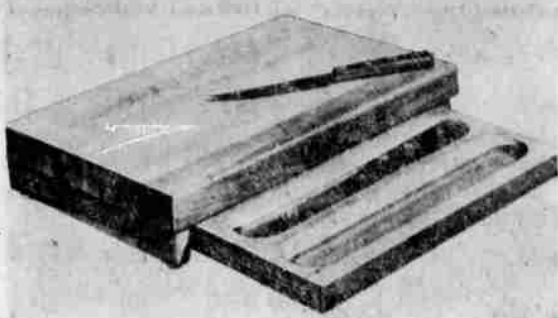
For a quick ham buffet, one type of fully cooked ham may be purchased already glazed and garnished with pineapple and bright maraschino cherries.

Most homemakers prefer the fully-cooked type heated through and glazed in their own kitchens. For a "just right" baked ham, it is best to follow exactly the cooking directions given on the ham wrapper.

Here is a recipe for an apricot glaze for your ham:

- 1 cup apricot nectar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- cooked apricots
- whole cloves

Combine in a saucepan the nectar, corn syrup and cloves and boil about 5 minutes or until part of syrup poured from spoon forms a sheet. Pour over the ham and baste from time to time. The recipe makes about 1 1/2 cups of glaze. Make a design on top of the ham with cooked dried apricots stuck with whole cloves. This glaze is suitable for cook - before - eating ham or for the precooked ham you are just heating through and glazing before bringing to the table. (Recipe tested in the Martha Logan Test Kitchen).



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Since the fresh goodness of bacon is a fleeting thing, it's best to buy no more than a week's supply at a time. When buying, choose a quality branded bacon that's available sliced thick or thin in the size package that best suits your family's needs. To fully protect the fresh smoke flavor of bacon, refrigerate it in the original cellophane wrapper that has been designed to seal in freshness.

Perfection in your meals featuring bacon starts with proper cooking. Here are some important tips to remember when pan-frying whole slices of bacon for family meals. Place unseparated slices of bacon in an unheated skillet and heat slowly, turning and separating the slices as the heat loosens them. Remember to keep the heat low throughout frying and don't pour off the drippings as they accumulate. You'll find that letting the slices float in the fat during cooking makes possible a more even, complete browning of each slice. When the bacon is as crisp as you like it, use tongs to remove each slice and drain on absorbent paper napkins or toweling.

Serve sweet smoke flavored bacon as the main meat feature or combined in economical skillet or casserole meals. For an easy skillet dish that can be prepared in a short time, here's a tempting combination of bacon, herbs, and rice.

ent paper. Pour off fat. Crumble 4 slices of bacon. Cut cheese slices into slivers and place in skillet. Add crumbled bacon, milk, chili sauce and pickle relish. Stir and heat in skillet until cheese melts. Ladle a spoonful of cheese mixture onto the bottom half of the 4 split buns. Cover each with a slice of crisp bacon. Top stacks with the top bun halves.

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1 cup chopped onion
1 cup uncooked rice
3 cups water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 bay leaf
1/2 teaspoon celery seed
1/2 teaspoon powdered marjoram
1/4 teaspoon powdered thyme

Pan-fry bacon in a heavy skillet, until browned and crisp. Remove bacon and drain on absorbent paper. Pour off all but 1/4 cup of the drippings. Brown onion and rice in drippings. Add water, salt, bay leaf, celery seed, marjoram and thyme. Cover. Cook about 30 minutes or until rice is tender and no water remains. Top with bacon. Cover and cook an additional 5 minutes. Serve hot.

BACON CHEESEBURGERS

Yield: 4 servings
8 slices bacon
4 slices sliced American process cheese
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons chili sauce
1 teaspoon pickle relish
4 hamburger buns, split and toasted

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