Bread Stuffing

Yields 10 servings.

Prep Time: 15 Minutes **Total Time:** 1 Hour

INGREDIENTS:

3/4 cup butter

- 2 large celery stalks, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 9 cups soft bread cubes (15 slices)
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teapoons chopped fresh thyme leaves or $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground sage
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Melt butter in 4-quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Cook celery and onion in butter 6 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until tender. Remove Dutch oven from the heat.
- 2. Gently toss celery mixture and remaining ingredients, using spoon, until bread cubes are evenly coated.
- 3. Use to stuff one 10- to 12-pound turkey. Or to bake stuffing separately, grease 3-quart casserole or rectangular baking dish, 13 x 9 x 2 inches. Place stuffing in casserole or baking dish. Cover with lid or aluminum foil and bake at 325°F for 30 minutes; uncover and bake 15 minutes longer.