Green Chili Rice

Prep Time: 20 Minutes Cook Time: 30 Minutes Ready In: 50 Minutes Serves: 8 - 10

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup chopped onion
¼ cup butter or margarine
3 cups cooked rice
2 cups dairy sour cream
1 cup 4% cottage cheese
1 bay leaf, crushed
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
3 4-ounce cans whole green chili peppers
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Fresh chives

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
- 2. In a small saucepan cook onion in butter or margarine until tender, but not brown.
- 3. In a large bowl combine onion, rice, sour cream, cottage cheese, bay leaf, salt, and pepper.
- 4. Quarter green chili peppers lengthwise, rinse, and seed. Chop *half* of the chili peppers. Stir chopped peppers into the rice mixture.
- 5. Pour the rice mixture into a $9'' \times 13''$ baking dish.
- 6. Place quartered chili peppers diagonally atop casserole.
- 7. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese.
- 8. Bake uncovered in a 375° oven for 30 minutes.
- 9. Sprinkle with fresh chives.