## **Tomato: Preserve It**



## **Pickled Sweet Green Tomatoes**

Yield: about 9 pints

10 to 11 lbs of green tomatoes (16 cups sliced)

1/4 cup canning or pickling salt

4 cups vinegar (5 percent)

1 tablespoon allspice

1 tablespoon whole cloves

2 cups sliced onions

3 cups brown sugar

1 tablespoon mustard seed

1 tablespoon celery seed

- 1. Wash and slice tomatoes and onions. Place in bowl, sprinkle with 1/4 cup salt, and let stand 4 to 6 hours. Drain.
- 2. Heat and stir sugar in vinegar until dissolved.
- 3. Tie mustard seed, allspice, celery seed, and cloves in a spice bag. Add to vinegar with tomatoes and onions. If needed, add minimum water to cover pieces.
- 4. Bring to boil and simmer 30 minutes, stirring as needed to prevent burning. Tomatoes should be tender and transparent when properly cooked.
- 5. Ladle hot salsa into hot jars leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles; adjust headspace if necessary by adding hot pickling solution. Wipe rims with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two- piece metal canning lids.
- 6. Process in a boiling water or steam canner:

*Pints:* 10 minutes at 0-1,000 feet elevation, 15 minutes at 1,001- 6,000 feet, and 20 minutes above 6,000 feet.

*Quarts:* 15 minutes at 0-1,000 feet elevation, 20 minutes at 1,001- 6,000 feet, and 25 minutes above 6,000 feet.

7. Remove jars from canner. Let cool, undisturbed, 12-24 hours and check for seals. Clean and label jars. Store sealed jars in a cool, dry, dark location.

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