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## **Spicy Rice Casserole**

Yield: 8 servings Serving Size 1 cup

## **Ingredients**:

pound lean (15% fat) ground beef
medium onion, chopped
small bell or jalapeño pepper, chopped
cup rice, uncooked
cups chopped tomato, fresh or canned, with juice
cups water
tablespoon chili powder (or more to taste)
tablespoon dried oregano leaves
teaspoon salt
24 cup (3 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese



## Directions:

1. Brown meat in a large skillet over medium-high heat (350 degrees in an electric skillet). Drain fat.

- 2. Add onion and peppers and cook, stirring 8-10 minutes until vegetables are soft.
- 3. Add rice, tomato, 2 cups water, and spices. Mix well and bring to a boil.

4. Reduce heat to medium low, cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Add more water if needed.

5. Sprinkle with cheese and serve.

Notes:

- Try brown rice and simmer for 10 more minutes.
- If using instant rice, reduce water to 1 cup.
- Try ground turkey in place of beef.

Nutrition Facts: Calories,240; Calories from fat, 80; Total fat, 9g; Saturated fat, 4.5g; Trans fat 0g; Cholesterol, 45mg; Sodium, 440mg; Total Carbohydrate, 24g; Fiber, 2g; Protein,15 g; Vit. A, 20%; Vit. C, 20%; Calcium, 10%; Iron, 15%.

Source: Oregon State University Extension

