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# Labor Day Recipes

## **Honey Chipotle Ribs**

#### Ingredients:

- 6 pounds pork baby back ribs
- 3 cups ketchup
- 2 bottles dark beer
- 2 cups barbecue sauce
- <sup>3</sup>⁄₃ cup honey
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons chopped chipotle peppers
- 4 teaspoons ground chipotle pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

#### **Directions:**

Wrap ribs in large pieces of heavy duty foil; seal edges of foil. Grill, covered, over indirect medium heat for 1 to 1½ hours or until tender.

In a large saucepan, combine sauce ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for about 45 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally.

Carefully remove ribs from foil. Place over direct heat; baste with some of the sauce. Grill, covered, over medium heat for about 30 minutes or until browned, turning once and basting occasionally with additional sauce. Serve with remaining sauce.



# **Corn Salsa**

#### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped 1 tablespoon green pepper, chopped 1 teaspoon jalapeno pepper, chopped 1 small onion 2 ears corn in husks 2 tomatoes 1 tablespoon lime juice 1 dash pepper 1 tablespoon red pepper, chopped ¼ tablespoon salt Tortilla chips



#### **Directions:**

Peel back husks of corn but don't remove; remove silk. Replace husks and tie with kitchen string. Place corn in a bowl and cover with water; soak for 20 minutes. Drain. Grill corn, covered, over medium-high heat for 20-35 minutes or until husks are blackened and corn is tender, turning several times. Cool.

Remove corn from cobs and place in a bowl. Add tomatoes, onion, cilantro, lime juice, peppers, salt, and pepper. Serve with tortilla chips.

#### **Country Potato Salad**

#### Ingredients:

5 potatoes 3 eggs 1 cup chopped celery ½ cup chopped onion ½ cup sweet pickle relish ¼ teaspoon garlic salt ¼ teaspoon celery salt 1 tablespoon mustard ¼ cup mayonnaise



#### **Directions:**

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender but firm, about 15 minutes. Drain, cool, peel, and chop.

Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil; cover, remove from heat, and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water, and cool, peel, and chop.

In a large bowl, combine the potatoes, eggs, celery, onion, relish, garlic salt, celery salt, mustard, and mayonnaise. Mix together well and refrigerate until chilled.

## **Strawberry Trifle**

#### Ingredients:

- 1 package (16 ounces) angel food cake mix
- 2 packages (3 ounces each) strawberry gelatin
- ¾ cup plus ¼ cup sugar, divided
- 2 cups boiling water
- 5 cups fresh strawberries
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream

# Directions:



Prepare and bake cake mix according to package directions; cool completely.

In a large bowl, dissolve gelatin and ¾ cup sugar in boiling water. Mash half of the strawberries; add to gelatin mixture. Refrigerate until slightly thickened, about 1 hour. Slice remaining strawberries; stir into the gelatin.

Cut cake into 1" cubes. Place half in a 3-quart trifle or glass bowl. Top with half of the gelatin mixture. Repeat. Cover and refrigerate until set, about 4 hours. In a bowl, beat cream until soft peaks form. Gradually add remaining sugar, beating until stiff peaks form. Spoon over gelatin.

# Watermelon Cucumber Salad

#### Ingredients:

tablespoon olive oil
 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
 teaspoon salt
 cups cubed, seedless watermelon
 cup thinly sliced cucumber
 cup thinly sliced red onion
 tablespoon thinly sliced fresh basil



#### **Directions:**

Combine oil, lemon juice, and salt in a large bowl, stirring well. Add watermelon, cucumber, and onion; toss well to coat. Sprinkle salad evenly with basil.

### **Brown Sugar Baked Beans**

#### Ingredients:

10 slices bacon, cooked and diced
1 yellow onion, finely diced
½ green bell pepper, finely diced
54 ounces canned pork and beans
4 tablespoons ketchup
¼ cup molasses
¾ cup brown sugar
¼ cup cider vinegar
2 teaspoons dry mustard



#### **Directions:**

In a deep skillet, heat 2 tablespoons bacon grease or butter over medium heat. Add diced onion and green pepper and sauté about 5 minutes, until softened. Add remaining ingredients and stir to combine well. Let mixture simmer for a minute or so.

While the mixture is simmering, grease a 13" x 9" baking dish. Pour beans into the prepared baking dish and lay cooked bacon on top of the beans. Bake at 325° F for 2-3 hours.