## **LIMA BEANS WITH HAM HOCKS**

## **INGREDIENTS:**

*	Dry lima beans	1 1/2 cup
*	Water	3 cup
*	Ham hocks	2 1/2
*	Carrot	2 ea
*	Onion	1 ea
*	Bay leaves	2 ea
	(leave whole and remove before	
	serving)	
<b>*</b>	Green pepper, sliced	1 ea
*	Caned tomatoes	14 oz
*	Salt	2 tsp
*	Thyme	1/2 tsp
*	Cloves (ground)	1/4 tsp
*	Black pepper	to taste

## METHOD:

- 1. Cover beans with water. Boil for 2 minutes.
- **2.** Cover, let stand for 1 hour without draining beans.
- Add ham hocks, bay leaves and additional water if needed to cover beans.
- **4.** Simmer 1 hour or until beans are just tender.
- **5.** Chop or dice carrots, onions and green pepper.
- **6.** Add onion, green pepper, tomatoes, salt, thyme, black pepper and cloves.
- 7. Mix carefully until blended.
- Cover and simmer for about 45 minutes until meat is tender.
- **9.** Remove meat from ham hocks. Discard fat and bones.
- **10.** Return meat to pot.
- **11.** Heat through and serve immediately.

Here is a another recipe that can be canned if you don't eat it all



