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Chicken-and-Rice

Prep Time	Cook Time	Yield
10 Mins	22 Mins	Makes 4 servings

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This chicken and rice dish is a quick, easy and comforting meal that the whole family will enjoy. Using ready-to-serve rice and frozen and canned veggies speeds up prep time and gets supper on the table in a snap.

Ingredients

1 1/2 pounds skinned and boned chicken breasts

2 (8.8-ounce) pouches ready-to-serve long-grain rice

4 bacon slices, diced

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup frozen green peas, thawed*

1 (4-ounce) can sliced mushrooms, drained

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Garnish: fresh parsley sprigs

How to Make It

Step 1 Cut chicken into 1/4-inch slices, and set aside.

Step 2 Heat rice according to package directions; set aside.

Step 3 Sauté bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat 8 minutes or until crisp; remove bacon with a slotted spoon, reserving 1 tablespoon drippings in skillet.

Step 4 Sauté onion in hot drippings in skillet 3 minutes or until tender. Stir in chicken, and sauté 8 minutes or until chicken is done. Stir in rice, bacon, peas, and next 3 ingredients; cook, stirring occasionally, 3 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Garnish, if desired.

Step 5 *4 ounces (about 1 heaping cup) snow peas may be substituted for green peas. Microwave snow peas and 1/4 cup water in a microwave-safe bowl 2 minutes before adding to chicken mixture. Proceed with recipe as directed.