Pickled Beets

Yield: approx. 8 pints

1 gallon small beets with 2 inches stem attached

2 Tbsp whole allspice2 cinnamon sticks

1½ quarts vinegar

½ cup honey or 1 cup sugar

Method:

Cook beets in water – enough to cover. When tender, slip the skins off. Once peeled, keep whole, sliced or quartered. Combine all other ingredients and bring to a boil. Pack beets into scalded pint jars, cover with boiling syrup leaving ½ inch headspace. Seal and process for 20 minutes in a boiling water bath.

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