

BEEF AND BACON PASTA BAKE

Serves: 6 | Prep Time: 20 minutes | Cooking Time: 1 hour + 20 minutes

INGREDIENTS
1 tbs olive oil
1 onion finely chopped
2 garlic cloves crushed
4 Maleny Black Angus Beef bacon rashers chopped
500g Maleny Black Angus Beef mince
550g jar pasta sauce with red wine
2 cups Maleny Black Angus Beef bone broth or beef stock
1 cup mixed vegetables (e.g. grated carrot, grated zucchini, chopped capsicum, chopped champignons, cherry tomatoes or sliced olives)
250g spiral pasta

1 ½ cups cheese grated (or a mix of mozzarella, cheddar and Parmesan)

½ tsp salt and pepper to taste

METHOD

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
- 2. Grease a 12-cup capacity oven-proof dish with a lid.
- 3. Heat oil in a large saucepan or frying pan on your stovetop. Add Maleny Black Angus Beef bacon, onion and garlic. Cook until onion is soft.
- 4. Add Maleny Black Angus Beef mince, stirring occasionally for five minutes or until beef changes colour.
- 5. Add pasta sauce, stock, vegetables, salt and pepper. Bring to the boil. Simmer for five minutes.
- 6. Add uncooked spiral pasta. Stir to combine and pour into an oven-proof dish.
- 7. Bake, covered, at 180°C for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, stir, sprinkle with cheese and bake, uncovered, for a further 30 minutes.
- 8. It can be served as is or with additional veggie sides (e.g., steamed broccoli, baby peas, and honey carrots).

