

Potatoes

a taste of Latin America on the Floridian table

Potatoes played a key role in ancient Incan agriculture and religion for several thousand years, and Incan farmers produced more than 5,000 different varieties. During Spanish colonialism in the 16th century, a few varieties of potato became a staple crop and key ingredient in many cultural cuisines throughout the world. Today, indigenous farmers throughout Latin America and gardeners in Florida continue to grow colorful varieties at home.

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Peruvian woman preparing chuno - frozen potato, near Cuzco, Peru



CARNE CON PAPAS (MEAT WITH POTATOES)

40 MINUTES TOTAL 6 TOTAL SERVINGS



INGREDIENTS

2 pounds stew meat, 2-inch cubes

3 garlic cloves, finely chopped 3 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper, cumin, oregano

1 bay leaf

1/2 cup dry wine

2 tsp. of vinegar

1/2 cup olive oil

1 large onion, chopped

1 green bell pepper, chopped

8 ounces tomato sauce

1 cup broth

2 medium red potatoes, quarted

1/2 cup chopped pimentos

DIRECTIONS

- Marinate stew meat in garlic salt, black pepper, cumin, oregano, and bay leaf.
- 2. Add dry wine and vinegar, cover, and refrigerate for 2 hours
- **3.** In a saucepan, heat oil, and brown stew meat.
- **4.** Add the onion, green pepper, tomato sauce, and beef broth.
- 5. Cover, and cook over medium heat for 1 hour.
- **6.** Add potatoes and pimentos.
- **7.** Cook over low heat until potatoes are done.
- Add more broth if needed.

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FACTS

Incan mythology includes the Goddess Axomamma who oversaw potato production and ensured a good harvest.

Potatoes are rich in vitamins C, B1, B3, B6, B9; and minerals such as iron, magnesium, and potassium. Avoid eating green potatoes and potato sprouts as they likely contain higher levels of toxic solanine.

