

Sweet Pepper Relish

• 5 cups ground green bell peppers

(About 7 to 8 peppers, or 3 to 4 pounds before grinding)

5 cups ground red bell peppers

(About 7 to 8 peppers, or 3 to 4 pounds before grinding)

1-½ cups ground onion

(3 medium yellow onions, 2.5 to 3 inches diameter, before grinding)

- 2-1/2 cups cider or white distilled vinegar (5%)
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 teaspoons pickling salt
- 4 teaspoons mustard seed

Yield: About 6 pint jars.

Procedure:

- 1. Wash and rinse pint or half-pint canning jars; keep hot until ready to fill. Prepare lids and ring bands according to manufacturer's directions.
- 2. Wash peppers well; trim to remove stems and seeds. Peel, core and wash onions. Cut peppers and onions into large pieces. Coarsely grind peppers and onions (see Note at end of procedure).
- 3. Measure 5 cups of each type of ground bell peppers with their juice, and 1-1/2 cups of the ground onion, including juice. Combine the measured peppers and onions with the remaining ingredients into a large stockpot. Bring the mixture to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and cook at a low boil for 30 minutes, stirring often to prevent scorching.
- 4. Fill the hot relish into prepared hot pint jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. If needed, remove air bubbles and re-adjust headspace to ½-inch. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel. Adjust lids and bands.
- 5. Process in a boiling water canner according to the recommendations in Table 1. Let cool, undisturbed, 12 to 24 hours and check for seals.



Table 1. Recommended process time for **Sweet Pepper Relish** in a boiling water canner.

| | | Process Time at Altitudes of | | |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Style of Pack | Jar Size | 0 - 1,000 ft | 1,001 - 6,000 ft | Above 6,000 ft |
| Hot | Half-pint or Pint Jars | 10 min | 15 min | 20 min |

Note: For recipe development, peppers and onions were ground using a stand mixer grinder attachment with the coarse blade.

Additional Note: Refrigerate any leftover relish after filling jars, and enjoy freshly made!

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