Pickled Yellow Pepper Rings

2 ½ - 3 lb yellow (banana) peppers
5 cups cider vinegar (5%)
1 ¼ cups water
5 teaspoons canning salt
2 tablespoons celery seed
4 tablespoons mustard seed

Yield: About 4 pint jars

1. Wash and rinse 4 pint canning jars; keep hot until ready to use. Prepare lids and bands according to manufacturer's directions.

2. Wash peppers well and remove stem end; slice peppers into ¼-inch thick rings. In a 4-quart Dutch oven or saucepan, combine the cider vinegar, water and salt; heat to boiling.

3. Place ½ tablespoon celery seed and 1 tablespoon mustard seed in the bottom of each clean, hot pint jar. Fill pepper rings into jars.

4. Cover pepper rings with boiling hot pickling liquid, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace if needed. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened, clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids.

5. Process in a boiling water canner, as recommended in Table 1. Let cool, undisturbed, 12 to 24 hours and check for seals.

6. Shake jar to disperse spices before using contents.

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<th>Recommended process time for Pickled Yellow Pepper Rings in a boiling water canner.</th>
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