# **Popeye Pasta Bake**

## A HEALTHY, DELICIOUS, PLANT-BASED RECIPE

MEETS USDA GUIDELINES FOR K12 AND CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

Process # 2 – Same Day Service

Yield 50 Servings 100 Servings

Skill Level: Advanced

Ingredients	Weight	Measure	Weight	Measure
Whole grain pasta, penne or rotini	3 lbs. 2 oz.		6 lbs. 4 oz.	
Frozen spinach, thawed and drained	3 lbs.		6 lbs.	
Tofu, firm, drained	6 lbs. 14 oz.		13 lbs. 12	
			oz.	
Sugar		³₄ cup		1 ½ cups
Soy Milk		1 pint + 1 cup		1 quart + 1 pint
Lemon Juice		1 cup		2 cups
Garlic powder		1/8 cup		1/3 cup
Basil, fresh, minced		³⁄₄ cup		1 ½ cups
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Basil, dried		3/8 cup		3/4 cup
Salt		½ cup		½ cup
Tomato sauce, canned		2 - #10 can		4 - #10 can
Bread crumbs (optional)		1 ½ cups		3 cups

HACCP - Standard Operating Procedure - Use hand washing procedures before starting recipe.

### **Preparation**

- 1. Preheat oven to 325°F; cook pasta al dente.
- 2. Squeeze the spinach dry to remove liquid.
- 3. Combine tofu, sugar, soy milk, garlic power, basil, spinach and salt in blender or VCM. Blend until all items are combined; the tofu should resemble a feta or ricotta consistency.
- 4. Add half of the tomato sauce and cooked pasta to tofu mixture. Stir to distribute evenly.
- 5. In four steam table pans (12"x20"x4"), per 100 servings, lightly coat with pan release spray.
- 6. Spread ½ of remaining tomato sauce on bottom of each pan.
- 7. Divide pasta mixture evenly between four pans. Top each pan with an even amount of tomato sauce and bread crumbs.
- 8. Tightly cover pans with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Heat to a temperature of 150°F for 15 seconds.
- 9. Remove from oven and uncover.

HACCP Critical Control Point: Hold at internal temperature of 135°F or above.

HACCP Critical Control Point: Reheat leftover produce to 165°F or higher; reheat product only once.



# **Popeye Pasta Bake Continued**

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#### **Serving Information**

\*For a 1 meat/meat alternate use half of the tofu listed in ingredients. Cut each pan 5 x 5 for serving or 2-#8 scoops per serving. Each serving provides 2 meat/meat alternates, 1 oz equivalent grains, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup red/orange vegetable.

#### **Nutrition Information** per serving \*From USDA Nutrient Database

Calories: 371 Total Fat: 9g Saturated Fat: 1g Monounsaturated Fat: 2g Polyunsaturated Fat: 4g Trans Fat: 0g Cholesterol: 0mg Carbohydrate: 59g Fiber: 12g Total Sugar: 26g Protein: 16g Sodium: 598mg Vitamin A:  $223\mu g$  Vitamin C: 8mg Calcium: 301mg Iron: 5mg Folate:  $87\mu g$ 

