

Tamale Pie is a unique recipe made with quick grits and is perfect for feeding a crowd. With the big flavors of traditional tamales this pie is a spicy dish you can whip up in 40 minutes. This recipe goes great with taco night or when you're in the mood for something out of the ordinary.

Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp salt (optional)
- 3 cups water
- 1 cup <u>Quaker® Quick Grits Original</u>, uncooked*
- 1 package (1.25 oz) taco seasoning mix
- 1 ¹/₂ cups (6 oz) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 medium tomato, chopped

Cooking Instructions

- 1. Heat 1 tsp olive or vegetable oil over medium heat in large skillet.
- 2. Add chopped onions and green pepper, cook 2-3 minutes, then add ground beef and brown meat.
- 3. Drain extra juices from skillet.
- 4. Add tomato sauce, chili powder and salt, mixing well.
- 5. Simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 6. Heat oven to 350°F.
- 7. Spray 13x9-inch glass baking dish with cooking spray.
- 8. In a saucepan, bring water to a boil, slowly stir in grits and taco seasoning mix.

- 9. Reduce heat; simmer 3 to 5 minutes or until very thick, stirring occasionally.
- 10. Spread grits mixture over bottom of prepared baking dish, pushing against sides of dish to form a shell.
- 11. Spoon hot beef mixture into shell.
- 12. *Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through.
- 13. Top with cheese and tomato and serve.