SUMMER SAUSAGE

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comments

Slightly spicy and good with crackers.

Great lo-fat snack.

notes

This is a three-day operation, so start early!

Take ground chuck out of refrigerator early to warm up a little.

Can be frozen for 2 months; okay in refrigerator for 3 weeks.

		Ingredients
are in advance	Measure into large bowl Have available	5 tsp. Morton's tender quick salt (for meat curing) 1-1/4 tsp. regular salt 2-1/2tsp. mustard seed 2 T black pepper 3 tsp. ground red pepper 1 T liquid smoke 2-1/2T garlic salt 5 lbs. ground chuck
prepare		

Day 1

Mix all ingredients together as well as you can (hands are the easiest way). Cover and put in refrigerator for 24 hours.

Day 2

Mix well again.

Cover and return to refrigerator for another 24 hours.

Day 3: preheat oven to 170 degrees.

Ways to shape (if you make them thicker, extend the baking time):

Roll into tubes about the size of a Ritz cracker, and 6-8 inches long (8-10 rolls) or Form into patties like a hamburger (flat top).

Place on a broiler pan or something that will allow the fat to drip down.

Bake for 7 hours at 170 degrees.

Remove and let drain while cooling.

When cool, wrap in plastic or foil wrap and refrigerate or freeze