Baked Beans with Cilantro

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Cilantro really lifts baked beans out of the doldrums in this simple recipe.

- 5 #10 cans vegetarian beans, rinsed
- 10 large Spanish onions, diced (3³/₄ pounds)
- 1³⁄₄ cups molasses
- 31/2 tablespoons dry mustard
- 1³⁄₄ cups brown sugar
- 3³⁄₄ cups water
- 1³⁄₄ cups tomato paste
- 1¼ cups chopped fresh cilantro—stems only are fine (2/3 bunch)

YIELD: 100 SERVINGS (K−5) ★ SERVING SIZE: ¾ CUP

Without draining the beans, pour the beans into 2 hotel pans.

Combine onions, molasses, dry mustard, brown sugar, water, and tomato paste. Blend.

Pour the blended mixture over the beans, and stir to combine.

Cover pans and bake in a conventional oven at 350° F for $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours (or in a convection oven at 325° F for $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours).

Remove the cover during the last 30 minutes of baking to brown the beans and stir in the cilantro.

Hold for service.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

CALORIES: 199; SODIUM: 578.07 MG; SATURATED FAT: 0.61%

USDA REQUIREMENTS MET

1/2 CUP LEGUME VEGETABLE OR

1 OUNCE M/MA

