Cajun Corn Maque Choux

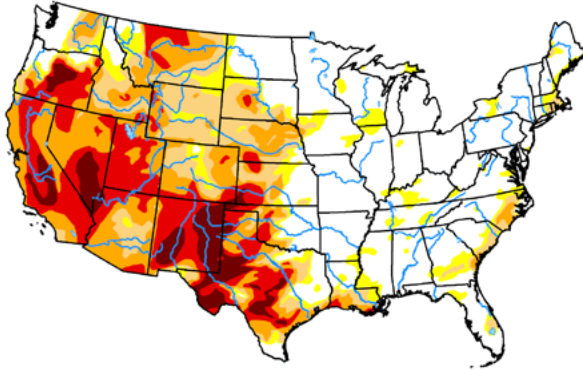*Recipe courtesy of Amy Leibrand*

INGREDIENTS

- 4 fresh ears of sweet corn or 2 cups of corn kernels
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- ½ cup green pepper, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 1½ teaspoon Cajun spice or Old Bay Seasoning
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme (or 1 teaspoon fresh)
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley, chopped
- Hot pepper sauce to taste
- Salt & pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. Cut corn kernels from cobs.

2. In a saucepan, cook onion, celery, and green pepper in butter over medium heat until tender, about 5 minutes.

3. Stir in corn, tomato, Cajun spice, thyme, and garlic powder.

4. Cook over low heat for 20 minutes.

5. Stir in Italian parsley. Season with hot pepper sauce and salt & pepper to taste

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Corn yield can be greatly reduced during droughts. To help monitor and predict drought conditions, scientists use a complement of JPSS land surface temperature, soil moisture and vegetation products derived from multiple instruments which are assimilated into the Global Land Data Assimilation System (GLDAS) and North America Land Data Assimilation System (NLDAS) systems. The NLDAS is the main information source for the current U.S. Drought Monitor.

U.S. Drought Monitor Categories

D0	D1	D2	D3	D4

Abnormally Dry   Exceptional Drought

Not only is corn an ingredient in most of the food that Americans eat, it is also used for animal feed for livestock and is a component in ethanol, biofuels and sustainable bio-based plastics.

Felix Kogan, NOAA Environmental Monitoring Branch Research Scientist says, "Since drought prediction is very challenging, drought monitoring and impact assessment are very important to address food security."

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