

Cheese-Cloth Wrapped Product Being Lowered Into Boiling Water for

## PROFITABLE DISPOSITION OF ALL SURPLUS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Every Ounce of Food That Can Possibly Be Produced This Year, Will Be Needed-Housewives Can Avoid Much Waste by Canning.

## WASH-BOILER EQUIPMENT IS SATISFACTORY

Practically All Perishable Products May Be Canned by One-Period Cold-Pack Method of Canning, as Taught by the United States Department of Agriculture—All Cans Should Be in Good Condition and Absolutely Clean.

(PREPARED BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.)

## CAN SURPLUS FOOD, BUT USE JARS AND CANS WISELY

Don't have an empty preserving jar in your home next fall. There may be some difficulty in securing cans and preserving jars. regular tight-sealing containers for vegetables, concentrated soups, meats and fish.

Concentrate products so that each jar or can will hold as much food and as little water as possible. Pack fruit juices in ordinary Put up jams, jellies and preserves in glasses sealed with cork or

paper and paraffin. Don't can anything that can be kept just as well dried or in other

forms. Dry navy and mature lima beans for winter use. Produce in your garden lots of cabbage, potatoes, and root crops that can be kept for the winter without canning .- U. S. Department of Agriculture.

etables in this country each year is coarse wire netting for your clean large. It would be deplorable if this normal waste were allowed to go on this year when every ounce of food that can be produced is needed. The waste can be avoided in large part if housewives will can as large a part of | culation of water under them. the surplus perishables as possible.

Any fruit or vegetable and practically any other food may be canned satisfactorily by the one-period cold-pack method of canning taught by the United States department of agriculture to the boys and girls of the canning clubs in the northern and western states. The homemade wash boller equipment for use in this method of canning, described below, is entirely effective. Home-size water seal, steam-pressure or pressure-cooker canning outfits, which save time and fuel, may be used instead if desired.

Preliminary Preparation for Canning. Provide a false bottom of wooden

The waste of surplus fruits and veg- | lattice work, crosspieces of wood, or wash boller or other large, deep vessel to be used for sterilizing. This is for the purpose of keeping the containers from contact with the hot bottom of the vessel and to permit the free cir-

> Fill the vessel with clean water so that the boiling water will cover the tops of the jars or cans. Begin heating the water so that it will be boiling violently by the time the containers are packed.

See that all cans or jars are in good condition and absolutely clean. Scald them thoroughly and put them in a vessel of water on the stove so that they will be hot when the product is ready for packing. Use new rubber rings for jars and scald them just before putting them on the jars.

Preparing Fruits and Vegetables. Start with clean hands, clean utensils, and clean, sound, fresh products.



Tray of Packed Jars Ready to Be Placed in Homemade Water-Bath Outfit-Aluminum Pressure Cooker Also Shown.

Throw out all vegetables and fruits which are withered or unsound. Wash out all grit and dirt. If possible, use only fruits and vegetables picked the same day and never can peas and corn picked more than five hours.

Prepare fruits and large-sized vegetables for blanching. Remove all spots from apples.

Prepare beans and greens as for cooking. Be especially careful to remove all foreign plants from the

Blanch vegetables and all fruits except berries by leaving them from three to five minutes in clean boiling water, or by steaming them for a similar period in a colander over a vessel of boiling water or in a steam cooker.

Remove the blanched products from the boiling water or steam and plunge them quickly into cold water, the colder the better. Take them out immediately and let them drain. Don't let them soak in the cold water.

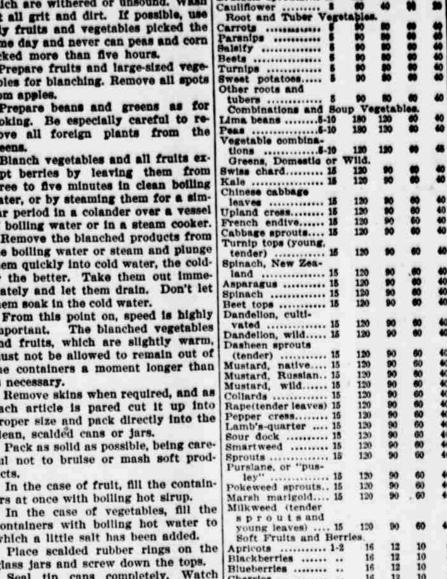
From this point on, speed is highly important. The blanched vegetables and fruits, which are slightly warm, must not be allowed to remain out of the containers a moment longer than is necessary. Remove skins when required, and as

each article is pared cut it up into proper size and pack directly into the clean, scalded cans or jars.

Pack as solid as possible, being careful not to bruise or mash soft prod-

ers at once with boiling hot sirup. In the case of vegetables, fill the containers with boiling hot water to

which a little salt has been added. Place scalded rubber rings on the glass jars and screw down the tops. Seal tin cans completely. Watch Cherries ...... them for leaks. As the preliminary Currants





Packing Blanched and Cold-Dipped Product Into Jars.



Dipping Blanched Product While Hot Into Cold Water.

treatment has taken care of expansion | Dewberries ....... it is not necessary to exhaust the cans. How to Sterilize or Process.

Put the jars or cans as soon as possible into boiling water in a wash boiler or into your canning device. Let them process for the time specified in the table, counting from the time the water begins to boil again, or the gauge on the canning outfit registers the proper pressure.

Time Table for Scalding Blanching, and Sterilizing Vegetables, Soups, Fruits, and Meats.

Products by Groups. Special Vegetables. omatoes ..... 11/2 umpkin ..... Squash ...... 3 Hominy ...... 8 Sauerkraut ...... 8 Corn, field ...... 10 Mushrooms ....... 5 90
Sweet peppers..... 5 90
Pod Vegetables and Other ducts. Beans, wax.....5-10

Beans, stringless..5-10 Okra ......5-10

Peppers, green or

10 10 10 10 10 10 10 Peaches ..... 1-2 Plums ..... .. Strawberries ..... Citrus fruits ..... Fruits without sugar strup..... Hard Fruits. Apples ..... ears ..... filling) ..... Quartered apples and cored ...... Apple strup..... .. ruit juices aration and filling ... Meats—Uncooked. Poultry and game. .. Beef ...... Prepared Young Meats. Spring frys ...... Fried meats ...... Baked meats ..... Stewed meats ..... .. Roast meats ..... Prepared Mature Meats. Wild game ...... " Baked meats ..... Stewed meats..... Roast meats ......



Homemade Hot Water Bath Sterilizing Outfit, Showing Satisfactory Type of Wooden False Bottom.

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Fish	8	180	160	120	90	ß
Shellfish	5	180	160	120	90	1
No. 1	.00	90	60	50	40	l
No. 2		90	60	50	30	L
No. 3 Soups.		90	60	50	40	
Cream of tomato	••	80	20	18	10	
combination and soup stock		90	75	60	45	

Time schedule given is based upon the one-quart pack and upon freshpicked products.

When processing fruits in steampressure canners, not over five pounds of steam pressure should be used. When processing vegetables and meats do not use over fifteen pounds

of pressure. After processing, remove the con-

Tighten the tops of jars immediately and stand the containers upside down in a cool place, being careful that no draft strikes the hot jars. Watch for leakage and screw covers down tighter when necessary. Store in a cool, dry place, not exposed to freezing temperature.

Use band labels for cans, being careful not to let the glue get on the can itself as it may cause rust.

From time to time, especially in very hot weather, examine jars and cans, making certain that there are no leaks, swellings or other signs of fermenta-

There will be no spollage if the directions are followed implicitly and the containers are sealed up tight.

Fruits which are put up with heavy strups can be kept under cork and paraffin seal. Save all wide-necked bottles, glasses and jars for putting up Vegetables, meats, and fish, however,

cannot be kept safely unless they are hermetically sealed. Reserve regular jars for products that cannot be packed in other ways.

As there may be some difficulty in securing cans and jars, dry or keep in other ways everything that need not be canned.

The labeling should be done with a rather dry paste, which is put only on the end of the label, so that it does not touch the tin. Paste may cause rust, and in damp climates it is sometimes customary to lacquer the outside of the can before it is labeled. The label, if the product is intended for sale, must contain the net weight in pounds and ounces and the packer's name and address.

In packing fruits and vegetables, it is necessary to surround them with the filled sealed bottles on their sides brine, strup or water, but under the in water near the boiling point, and terms of the federal law governing the keep them in the bath for about thirinterstate shipment of canned goods, no more of this liquor is allowed than is actually necessary to cover the contents after as full a pack as possible is the cork with a paraffin seal. Thormade. With tomatoes no water what- ough sterilization and sealing are ab-

uice should be added in excess of the amount in the tomatoes canned. Add Sugar and Salt.

In addition to the liquor, a mixture of sugar and salt adds greatly to the flavor of such products as tomatoes, pens, Lima beans and corn. The mixture recommended by the government specialists in canning is composed of one-third salt and two-thirds sugar. Two level teaspoonfuls of this are placed in a No. 3 can and one teaspoonful in a No. 2 can. For beans, okra, cauliflower, etc., a brine containing 21/2 ounces of salt to a gallon of water is used. For asparagus a heavier brine, four ounces to a gallon of water, is

In order to conserve the supply of tin cans, it is strongly urged that all products intended for home use should be put up, whenever possible, in glass. The hermetic type of jar, however, is not a suitable one for intermittent processing, for which the best type is a glass-top jar with wire clamps. The clamps should be raised at the beginning of each processing to allow for expansion.

## FRUIT JUICES FOR JELLIES

May Be Sterilized and Bottled Without Sugar and Made Into Jelly at Any Time.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Fruit juices for use later in jelly making can be sterilized and bottled without sugar and made into jellies at the housewife's convenience. This enand to distribute her purchases of sugar for jelly making through the year. Moreover, with the bottled juice she can make a greater variety of jellies, as juices which will not jell can be put up when the fruit is ripe and combined later with fruits that will jell, or fruits ripening at different seasons can be combined. For example, the juice of strawberries, cherries, or pineapple can be kept without sugar and later when apples are plentiful can be made into combination jelly.

To put up unsugared fruit juices for jelly making proceed exactly as if jelly were to be made at the time. Cook the fruits until they are soft and strain out the juice through a fiannel bag. Heat and pour while hot into bottles previously scalded. Fill the bottles full, leaving no air space between juice and cork or seal. Place ty minutes. Make sure that the corked or sealed end is under the hot water, As soon as the bottles are cool cover ever should be added and no tomato solutely essential to success.



Sealing a Packed and Sterilized Glass Jar.