# Hoppin' John Black-Eyed Pea Casserole

Found this recipe at a big Christmas get-together. Don't know who gets the real credit for creating this recipe, but it is easy and really, really good! Just a little kick and very filling. Sure to be a hit at any get-together.

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### Ingredients

- 1 (6 ounce) package long grain and wild rice mix (such as Zatarain's®)
- 2 1/4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon butter
- · cooking spray
- 1 pound mild sausage
- 1 onion, chopped
- ½ green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 (15 ounce) cans hoppin' John
- · salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, or more to taste

#### **Directions**

- Combine rice mix, water, and butter in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low and simmer, covered, until rice is tender, about 25 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a large casserole dish lightly with cooking spray.
- Cook and stir sausage in a large skillet over medium heat until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain, reserving some grease in the skillet, and place in a bowl.
- Cook and stir onion and green bell pepper in the skillet until softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in rice, sausage, and hoppin' John until evenly distributed. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to the prepared casserole dish.
- Bake in the preheated oven until heated through, 30 to 35 minutes. Sprinkle Cheddar cheese on top. Continue baking until cheese is melted, about 10 minutes.

#### **Nutrition Facts**

Serving: 8 servings | Calories: 370.4 kcal | Carbohydrates: 30.9 g | Protein: 17.5 g | Saturated fat: 8.5 g | Cholesterol: **51.1 mg** | Sodium: **1338.8 mg** | Fiber: **4 g** | Sugar: **1.5 g** 

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