## Agriculture and Natural Resources UCCE Master Food Preserver Program

"Teaching research-based practices of safe home food preservation to the residents of Solano and Yolo Counties."

## **Apricot-Pepper Jelly**

1⅓ cups red or green strips—jalapeno, habanero, bell peppers or any combination of any peppers. Remove stems; remove seeds if desired.

- 2 cups apple cider vinegar (5% acidity)
- 1 ¼ cups dried California apricot halves, finely slivered (6-ounces)
- 6 cups sugar
- I pouch (3 ounces) liquid pectin

Food coloring if desired



- 1. Combine pepper strips and chop until they are in very small pieces using a small food processor/food chopper or an electric blender.
- 2. Place pepper pieces in a large saucepan. Add vinegar, apricot strips and sugar.
- 3. Stir well and then bring the mixture to a boil. Boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat; skim off any foam. Cool 2 minutes, then stir in liquid pectin and optional food coloring until well-blended.
- 4. Pour hot jelly into clean, half-pint jars. Wipe rims. Add prepared sealing lids and ring bands. Tighten to finger tightness.
- 5. Place filled jars into a Boiling Water Canner that is half-full of simmering water. Add additional water to bring water level to 1 to 2 inches over tops of jars. Bring to a boil.
- 6. Once water begins to boil, process the jars for 10 minutes in the boiling water.
- 7. After processing time is complete, turn off the heat. Remove canner lid. Let the jars remain in the hot water for another 5 minutes.
- 8. Remove jars and cool on a clean towel or rack for 12-24 hours. Wash jars and rings; dry well. Label jars and store jars in cool, dark location.

Yield: Makes about 7 cups

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