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DRY CURING OF MIDDLES, BACKS AND BELLIES FOR BACON **USING POKELSALZ DRY 20823613**

Middles and bellies of pork can be converted to bacon using a dry rub method. The cure mix contains the necessary ingredients for successful curing i.e. cure and salt to produce a traditional-style bacon of good colour and texture. The addition of sugar produces a traditional sweeter cure.

Recipe:

	%	Kg
Pokelsalz Dry Cure (20052012)	83.0	10.0
Brown/Demerara or Caster sugar	17.0	2.0

- 1) Weigh out the sugar and add it to a polythene bag together with the cure mix and mix thoroughly together.
- 2) Bone and trim the middles and bellies of pork and remove flare fat as required.
- 3) Using the dry curing mix at 3% of the weight of the meat (30g / Kg), dress both sides, rubbing the mix in well, particularly on the meaty side.
- 4) If the middles and belly are particularly thick, pierce the meat to aid penetration of the cure, using tenderising spikes or a fork.
- 5) Stack the rubbed meats rind down on a suitable rack or tray in the refrigerator until cured (half of an inch thickness of meat per day).
- 6) At the end of the curing period, rinse the cured meats in cold water (do not soak) dry and mature under refrigeration for 1 - 2 days. The bacon is now ready for slicing.

Cure In The Bag Method

Advantages: Reduces curing time, prevents meat oxidation and contamination.

- 1) Carry out instructions up to point 2 as above.
- 2) Place the rubbed meat in a vacuum bag and pull vacuum seal.
- 3) Allow ½ inch per day to cure depending on meat thickness. However as a rule the longer you leave the meat to cure, the better the flavour, irrespective of thickness.
- 4) The meat can be removed from the bag, dried in the refrigerator and sliced.

Tip

- 1) One way to improve slicing is to freeze to approx. -9°C then slice.
- 2) Carry out a small trial to establish cure times.



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