

A freezer helps during the holidays

UNIVERSITY PARK - The freezer can be the homemaker's best friend during a busy holiday season. It can hold a number of regular meals, special party foods and festive dishes which are made ahead and stored safely until needed. The freezer also can preserve leftovers after the holiday meal, say experts.

In the days before the holiday, one can make extra quantities of casseroles and one-dish meals when

preparing the regular meals. The pans should be lined with aluminum foil allowing extra foil to fold over the top. One can place the food in the foil-lined pan and bake the usual way until almost done, remembering to use a light touch with seasonings as some spices become stronger when frozen.

After baking, a person should cool the food quickly. The foil package should be wrapped in moisture-vapor proof material, labeled and

frozen at zero degrees F. or lower.

After food is frozen, one can remove the foil package from the pan so one can continue to use that pan. When ready to use the frozen food, one just pops the foil package back into the original pan.

A person should remember, it takes longer to prepare and heat a frozen casserole, for example, than it does to prepare and bake the ingredients from

scratch. But the convenience of having these prepared foods ready to thaw and serve on busy days may make the extra effort worthwhile.

When preparing foods for the freezer, one should remember that certain foods do not freeze well. A person should avoid freezing cooked egg white in the form of meringues and fluffy frostings, raw vegetables and mayonnaise.



**On being
a farm wife**

—And other
hazards

By
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A FARM WIFE'S CHRISTMAS CAROL
(To be sung to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," with apologies to the composer.)
On the twelve days of Christmas, my true love gave to Me:

- twelve cows a milking;
- eleven steers a fatt'ning;
- ten heifers fleeing;
- nine pigs a rooting;
- eight cats a mousing;
- seven ducks a waddling;
- six hens a laying;
- five greasy rings; (from a motor)
- four corn bins;
- three John Deere's
- two sweet kids;
- and the barn out beside the pear tree...
-and he called it a farm.



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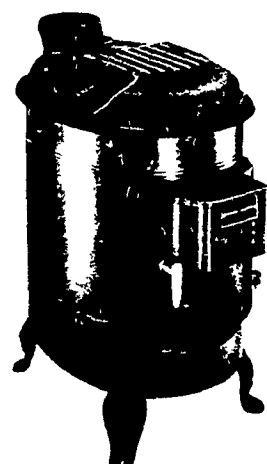
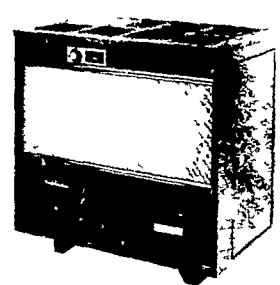
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