

PICK A PERFECT PICKLE Before you pack your peck of pickled peppers, be sure your pickles are perfect. Pickles are an art - everyone has advice on how to do them right. But maybe you need to know a little bit more. If

Ladies Have You Heard?

By Doris Thomas Lancaster Extension **Home Economist**

you are going to enter yours in a local fair, you should know how the experts pick their pickles. Here's the inside scoop:

Use standard canning jars, sealed with vacuum or self-sealing lids, but remove the screw or ring bands betore exhibiting.

- Pack pickles with a headspace of 1/2 inch. Food should not be in . contact with the underside of the

- The pickles should be unitorm - each piece being the same size and shape.

-- The flavor should be natural and not over-spiced.

 The texture should be firm, not tough or soft-and the pickles should be translucent and crisp.

The color of the pickles should be as near the natural color as possible, even throughout, and free from lighter or uncured places.

The liquid should be clear and free from sediment or defects of any kind.

FACTS ABOUT TEA

There is no better way to quench a thirst than with a tall glass of iced tea. Iced tea is probably the most economical, versatile, and best-loved summertime refresher ın America.

Do you know that iced tea is as all-American as apple pie? It was at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, on a particularly hot summer day, that a merchant of Indian tea tried unsuccessfully to sell hot tea to the sweltering crowds. In desperation, he poured the hot brew over ice and created an instant success...which has remained an American favorite ever since.

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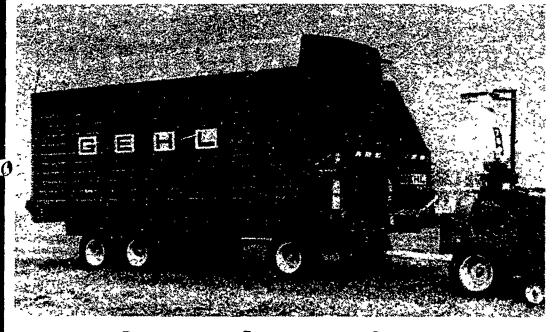
1. Place 9 single tea bags or 3 family sized teabags in a gallon jar and fill with cold water; cover.

2. Place outside in hot sunshine for 3 to 4 hours. Refrigerate within 5 hours of brewing start.

3. Remove tea bags. Pour into ice-filled glasses. Makes 1 gallon.

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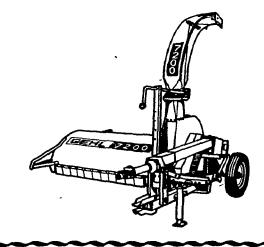


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