

## Mel's Mama's Chili

3-4 pounds of ground beef  
3 large onions, minced  
a large bottle Mexene chili powder  
3 large cans tomato sauce  
4-6 cans Joan of Arc beans  
Salt to taste

Brown the beef, add the onions and cook until onions are translucent. Stir in the chili powder and tomato sauce. Simmer for one hour. Drain beans and add to the pot. Use more beans if you are having a larger crowd. Bring back to the simmer and simmer for 20 minutes or so. Serve with cornbread.

You have to kind of go on faith with this—not sure how large a large can of tomato sauce is—or how large a large bottle of Mexene chili powder is, but this is how Mrs. Oakes had it written down.