

Best-Ever Broccoli-Rice Casserole

Serves 8 - 10

- 2 (10-ounce) boxes frozen chopped broccoli
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 soup can milk
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 14 ounces Velveeta cheese
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco or your favorite hot sauce
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Paprika



Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Thaw broccoli in microwave following package directions; drain.

Melt butter in a large skillet. Add onions and celery, sautéing until soft. Add soup, milk, water chestnuts, Velveeta and tabasco. Simmer until cheese melts, stirring well.

Stir in thawed and drained broccoli, cooked rice, salt and pepper. Pour into 9" x 13" dish. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350 degrees 30 minutes or until heated through.