

RECIPE

Inspired by New England clam chowder

Yield: 2 3/4 cups

Step 1: Make the base ranch

- 1/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup sour cream
- 4 and ½ teaspoon table salt
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon onion powder

- 2 pinches ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon MSG

Combine all ingredients.

Step 2: Bring in some local flavor

- 2 6.5 oz cans of clam meat
- 34 cup potato cubes (about ¼-inch), cut from peeled red potatoes
- 2 strips bacon, cooked until crispy, chilled, and chopped into small pieces
- **1.** Drain the clams well, reserving the liquid. Chop the clam meat into small pieces.
- 2. Place the clam juice in a small saucepan, bring to a boil, and cook until the clam juice is reduced to about 3 tablespoons. Remove from the heat, let cool, and then refrigerate.
- 3. In a separate pan, bring 2 cups of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the potato cubes and cook just until they are tender. Remove from the water, let cool, and then refrigerate.
- **4.** Combine the chopped clam meat, reduced clam juice, cooked potatoes, base ranch, and bacon. Mix well.