3 French Hens

Cheddar Ham Strada

Ingredients

10 slices day-old bread, crusts removed and cubed

1 medium onion, finely chopped

4 medium fresh mushrooms, finely chopped

1/4 cup butter

4 cups shredded cheddar cheese

2 cups cubed ham

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

8 eggs

3 cups 2% milk

2 tablespoons prepared mustard

1 tablespoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions

Place bread cubes in a greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. In small skillet, saute onion and mushrooms in butter; spoon over bread. Sprinkle with cheese, ham and flour.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, mustard, garlic and salt. Pour over ham and cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350* for 60 - 70 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

YIELD: 12 servings

