# **Slow Cooker Bacon Jam**

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### **Ingredients**

- 1 ½ pounds sliced bacon, cut crosswise into 1-inch pieces
- 2 medium yellow onions, diced small
- 3 garlic cloves, smashed and peeled
- ½ cup cider vinegar
- ½ cup packed dark-brown sugar
- ½ cup pure maple syrup
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup brewed coffee

### **Directions**

#### 1. Cook bacon:

In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium-high, stirring occasionally, until fat is rendered and bacon is lightly browned, about 20 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer bacon to paper towels to drain.

#### 2. Pour off fat, then add onions and garlic:

Pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat from skillet (reserve for another use); add onions and garlic, and cook until onions are translucent, about 6 minutes.

### 3. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil:

Add vinegar, brown sugar, maple syrup, and coffee and bring to a boil, stirring and scraping up browned bits from skillet with a wooden spoon, about 2 minutes. Add bacon and stir to combine.

#### 4. Transfer to a slow-cooker; cook:

Transfer mixture to a 6-quart slow cooker and cook on high, uncovered, until liquid is syrupy, 3 1/2 to 4 hours.

#### 5. Pulse in a food processor to desired consistency:

Transfer to a food processor; pulse until coarsely chopped. Let cool, then refrigerate in airtight containers, up to 4 weeks.

# **Storage**

Bacon jam can be refrigerated in airtight containers for up to 4 weeks or frozen for up to 6 months. If freezing, be sure to leave at least 1/2 inch of headspace at the top of each container as contents will expand during the freezing process.

# **Using Bacon Jam**

There are so many ways to put our Slow-Cooker Bacon Jam to use, including:

- Slather it on a <u>burger</u> with crumbled blue cheese and sliced red onion
- Dollop it onto pizza
- Spread it inside of a grilled cheese sandwich
- Add it to a charcuterie board
- Thin it with olive oil and vinegar and use it to dress a warm spinach salad
- Use it in place of bacon on a BLT sandwich
- Spoon onto toasted baguette with gorgonzola to serve as a party-ready appetizer