

**THYME-RUBBED BEEF ROUND TIP
WITH ROASTED ONION AND PEAR WILD RICE**

Total preparation and cooking time: 2-1/4 to 3 hours

- 1 beef round tip roast (3 to 4 pounds)**
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme leaves, crushed**
- 1 teaspoon pepper**
- 2 small firm pears, cut lengthwise in half, cored**
- 1 medium red onion, cut into 1/2-inch wedges**
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed**
- 1 package (6 to 7 ounces) long grain and wild rice mix**

1. Heat oven to 325°F. Combine 1 tablespoon thyme and pepper; press evenly onto all surfaces of beef roast.
2. Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part of beef, not resting in fat. Place pears and onion around roast; sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon thyme. Do not add water or cover. Roast in 325°F oven 1-3/4 to 2 hours for medium rare; 2-1/4 to 2-1/2 hours for medium doneness.
3. Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 140°F for medium rare; 155°F for medium. Transfer roast to carving board; tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 5°F to reach 145°F for medium rare; 160°F for medium.)
4. Meanwhile prepare rice mix according to package directions, omitting butter; keep warm. Coarsely chop pears and onion; stir into rice.
5. Carve roast into thin slices; season with salt, as desired. Serve with rice mixture.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Cook's Tip: Any firm pear, such as Anjou, Bartlett, Bosc, can be used.

Nutrition information per serving (1/6 of recipe): 430 calories; 11 g fat (4 g saturated fat; 4 g monounsaturated fat); 150 mg cholesterol; 539 mg sodium; 31 g carbohydrate; 3.1 g fiber; 50 g protein; 9.4 mg niacin; 0.8 mg vitamin B₆; 2.6 mcg vitamin B₁₂; 5.5 mg iron; 53.0 mcg selenium; 8.4 mg zinc.

This recipe is an excellent source of protein, niacin, vitamin B₆, vitamin B₁₂, iron, selenium and zinc; and a good source of fiber.

Nutrition information per serving (1/8 of recipe): 323 calories; 8 g fat (3 g saturated fat; 3 g monounsaturated fat); 112 mg cholesterol; 404 mg sodium; 23 g carbohydrate; 2.3 g fiber; 37 g protein; 7.0 mg niacin; 0.6 mg vitamin B₆; 1.9 mcg vitamin B₁₂; 4.1 mg iron; 39.8 mcg selenium; 6.3 mg zinc.

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