Pressed Ham Loaf

U.S.	Ingredient	Metric
3 ¾ lb.	Pork shoulder, chili grind	1700.0 g
2 ¼ lb.	Ham or Pork, cured*	1000.0 g
2 Tbs.	Molasses	35.0 g
1 Tbs.	Sugar, brown	22.0 g
3∕4 tsp.	Salt	17.0 g
½ tsp.	Cure #1	3.0 g
½ tsp.	Garlic, powdered	1.8 g
<1/8 tsp.	Sodium erythorbate	1.5 g
¹⁄₄ tsp.	Pepper, black, ground	0.5 g
¹⁄₄ tsp.	Allspice, ground	0.4 g
<1/8 tsp.	Cloves, ground	0.2 g
	Collagen/fibrous casing	
6 lb.	\leftarrow Totals \rightarrow	2.8 Kg.





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* 36 hours before preparation, cure the ham or pork meat as follows: Cut meat into random sizes about 2+ inches (5+ cm) each. Put all of the ingredients listed below in a container with ½ gallon of water and the pork and pulled a vacuum 2 or 3 times; then let it marinate for about 36 hours under vacuum in the fridge.

1 cup Dark brown sugar2 Tbs. Garlic powder2 tsp. Allspice½ cup Salt2 Tbs. Black pepper, fine grind.½ tsp. Cloves3 Tbs. Cure #11 Tbs. Celery seeds1 Bay leaf

Method:

- 1. Make a meat "paste" by combining the uncured, ground pork with the remaining ingredients.
- 2. Line a ham mold with collagen or fibrous casing so meat will release easily after cooking.
- 3. Place some of the meat paste along the bottom of the mold; imbed cured pork chunks in the paste. Cover with a little more of the paste. Continue until all the cured pork is imbedded in the paste, then top off with a layer of paste.
- 4. Smooth over the casing to cover the meat paste and place the spring cover on the mold and press down as tightly as possible.
- 5. Cook in 180°F (82°C) water for 2 hours; remove to an ice bath, when mold is cold, un-mold meat and refrigerate until use.

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