Southern Pea Salad

(This is an old southern recipe, courtesy of Paula Deen, with additions by Bill)



Ingredients:

8 slices Bacon
2 10 oz packages frozen green Peas, thawed & drained
2 cups shredded Cheddar Cheese
Hard-cooked eggs, peeled & chopped
6 tbsp Mayonnaise
2 tbsp fresh Lemon juice
Chopped red Onion
Spanish peanuts
Salt & freshly ground black Pepper

Directions:

In a colander or strainer, thaw the peas and let them drain. In a large skillet, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Let cool and crumble or chop it. In a large serving bowl, combine the peas, bacon, cheese and eggs. Stir in the mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste. Add the chopped red onion and Spanish peanuts by eyeball estimate. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve.