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Italian chicken bake

Ingredients

- 1kg large chicken thigh fillets
- 200g smoked ham steaks cut into 1cm cubes
- 500g baby kipfler potatoes, washed, halved lengthways
- 1 large red onion, thickly sliced
- 5 springs fresh thyme, leaves picked
- 1 chilli, finely chopped
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- Pepper to taste
- 125g plum tomatoes (red)
- 125g plum tomatoes (yellow)
- 1/2 cup pitted Kalamata olives
 2 cloves garlic, crushed

- Method
- Trim excess fat from chicken.
- 2. Place chicken, smoked ham pieces, potatoes, onion, garlic, thyme, chilli, stock and lemon juice in a large casserole dish. Season with cracked pepper.
- 3. Place lid on the dish.
- 4. Cook in oven at 180C for 30 minutes.
- 5. Remove from oven and turn the chicken and potatoes.
- 6. Cook for a further 20 minutes.
- Add tomatoes and olives.
 Remove the lid from the casserole dish and cook for a further 15 minutes until chicken has browned.

Serves four to six