## **Apricot Rice Custard**

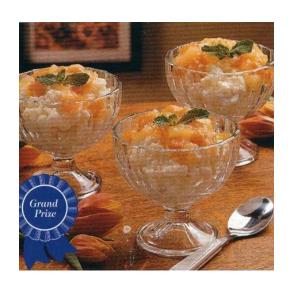
This recipe is a Grand Prize winner. With or without the sauce you can use your left-over rice and have a light dessert.

1 cup uncooked long grain rice OR 3 cups cooked rice

3 cups milk, regular or skim 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 tsp. salt 2 eggs, lightly beaten 1 tsp. vanilla extract Dash ground cinnamon

## SAUCE:

1 can (8-1/2 oz.) apricot halves 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, undrained 1/3 cup packed brown sugar 2 Tbs. lemon juice 1 Tb. Cornstarch



In a large saucepan, cook rice according to package directions.

To cooked rice add milk, sugar and salt; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat to low.

Stir 1/2 cup into eggs; return all to the pan.

Cook and stir for 15 minutes or until mixture coats a spoon (do not boil).

Remove from the heat; stir in vanilla and cinnamon.

For sauce, drain apricot syrup into a saucepan.

Chop apricots; add to syrup.

Stir in remaining sauce ingredients; bring to a boil.

Boil for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Serve sauce and custard warm or chilled.

Yield: 8-10 servings.

NOTE: 3 cups left-over, cooked rice replaces the 1 cup uncooked rice.