Cain's Corner

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cheese grits bowl

Pair stone-ground, whole grain grits with black beans in this Tex-Mex recipe for the perfect marriage of amino acids - together these ingredients form a complete protein. Mix and match toppings to your liking for the perfect hearty dish.

4 cups Water

1 cup Stone-Ground Grits (dry)

1.25 tsp Kosher Salt

1 28 oz can Low-Sodium Black Beans, rinsed & drained

1 tsp Ground Cayenne

0.5 cup Cheddar Cheese, grated

1 Ripe Avocado, sliced

1 Large Radish, thinly sliced

1 pint Cherry Tomatoes, sliced in half

1 jar Pre-made Salsa

1 bunch Scallions, chopped

1 Lime, cut into wedges

4 - 8 Chicken Tenders

Salt and Pepper, for seasoning

1) Prepare all veggies according to ingredient list.

2) Combine water, grits, and salt and cook over low heat in a pot. Stirring regularly, cook until completely tender and liquid is absorbed.

3) While grits cook, season chicken with salt and pepper. Sear in a skillet over medium-high heat until cooked through/until meat thermometer reads 165°F.

4) Combine black beans with cayenne and cook in a saucepan over low heat until warm.

5) Add cheese to grits and stir until creamy.

6) Spoon grits into a bowl and top with black beans, avocado, tomato, radish, chicken tenders, a little salsa, scallions, and lime wedges. Enjoy!

