Freezing Onions

Alice Henneman, MS, RD (402) 441-7180/ <u>http://lancaster.unl.edu/food</u>



444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A / Lincoln, NE 68528

If you like cooking with fresh onions, but frequently toss an unused portion, try freezing it! The following method works for **fully mature onions**:

- 1. Wash, peel and chop raw, fully mature onions into about 1/2" pieces. There is no need to blanch onions.
- 2. Bag and freeze in **freezer** bags for best quality and odor protection. Package -- flat -- in freezer bags (see picture) to hasten freezing and make it easier to break off sections as needed. Express out the air and place bags on cookie sheets or metal pans until onions are frozen. Then, restack bags to take up less room.
- 3. Use in **cooked** products, such as soups and stews, ground meat mixtures, casseroles, etc. For most dishes, frozen onions may be used with little or no thawing. (Will keep 3-6 months.)



August 2007

Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.



University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension educational programs abide with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.