

The Mo Beef Mo Kids Mo Fit (MoBKF) program connects schools and their food service professionals to cattle farmers and ranchers to "beef" up school lunches. MoBKF is supported through the Beef Checkoff and by more than 45,000 Missouri farmers and ranchers, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

PRODUCER PROFILE



"Our children eat school lunch every day and are excited to tell their friends that they helped raised the donated beef on their lunch tray. We are proud to raise quality, tasty and nutritious beef a few miles from Palmyra Elementary."

Pictured: Mark and Amy Lehenbauer, along with their three children on their Marion County farm. Lehenbauer Farms, Inc. is a fourth-generation family farm with strong roots in crop and cattle production.

Missouri cattle farmers and ranchers are passionate about their way of life. The beef community is committed to raising beef in a safe and sustainable way.



MISSOURI BEEF at a glance

MISSOURI is home to 45,000 CATTLE FARMS The average HERD SIZE in MISSOURI is 40 COWS

TYPICAL U.S. CATTLE LIFE CYCLE



BENEFITS OF BEEF



BEEF UP YOUR MEALS AT HOME



ENGLISH MUFFIN CHEESEBURGER PIZZAS

Cheeseburgers and pizza? Two of our favorite things, combined into one!

INGREDIENTS:

1-1/2 pounds ground beef (95% lean) 2 cups pasta sauce (any variety)

- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning

1/4 teaspoon salt6 English muffins, split, toasted1/2 cup reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese1/4 cup reduced-fat shredded mozzarella cheese



COOKING:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add ground beef; cook 8 to 10 minutes, breaking beef into small crumbles, stirring occasionally. Add pasta sauce, onion, bell pepper, Italian seasoning and salt; continue cooking 5 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring occasionally.

Cook's Tip: Cooking times are for fresh or thoroughly thawed ground beef. Ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F. Color is not a reliable indicator of ground beef doneness.

2. Top each muffin half evenly with beef mixture and cheeses. Bake at 400°F 5 to 7 minutes or until cheese is melted.



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