Spaghetti Carbonara

This simple spaghetti carbonara should have a rich and silky sauce. Sized for two large portions.

Recipe

Slice meat into 1/4 inch pieces. Spread out pieces on foil lined baking sheet and bake at $400\,\mathrm{F}$ for $20\,\mathrm{minutes}$.

$$1/2 \, \text{lb} \, (226 \, \text{g}) \, \mid \, \text{bacon}$$

Cook pasta according to packaging in a $3\,\mathrm{qt}$ sauce pan. Time the pasta so that it's ready just as the meat finishes.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 2.5 \, \mathrm{I} & \mathrm{water} \\ 1/2 \, \mathrm{Ib} \, (225 \, \mathrm{g}) & \mathrm{dry \, spaghetti} \\ 1 \, \mathrm{tbsp} & \mathrm{salt} \end{array}$$

While the pasta and meat are cooking, prepare sauce by whisking together eggs, cheese, and pepper.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 3 & \text{egg yolks} \\ 1 & \text{egg} \\ 20\,\text{g} & \text{parmesan, grated} \\ 1/2\,\text{tsp} & \text{black pepper} \end{array}$$

Reserving some pasta water, drain pasta and return to saucepan. Add meat and rendered fat to pasta. Toss gently to cool until pasta is below $165\,{\rm \widetilde{f}F}$.

Stir sauce mixture into pasta. Once combined, add $3\,\mathrm{tbsp}$ of pasta water and continue stirring for another minute or two, until sauce is thick and creamy.