

## **GINGERBREAD LOAF**

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar packed
- 1/2 cup salted butter softened
- 1/2 cup unsulphured molasses
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk
- powdered sugar for dusting the top if desired



## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat the oven to  $350^{\circ}$ F. Grease an  $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " or  $9 \times 5$ " inch loaf pan with cooking spray. Then line with parchment paper for easy removal.
- 2. In a mixing bowl, thoroughly stir together the flour, baking soda, ginger, nutmeg and salt. Set aside.
- 3. In a large bowl, cream together the sugar and butter until well combined. Add the molasses and vanilla. Mix well. Add the eggs, one at a time, until well mixed.
- 4. Add the flour mixture to the sugar mixture alternately with the buttermilk, stirring just until blended after each addition.
- 5. Spoon the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 45-50 minutes. If the bread is getting too brown on top, cover loosely with aluminum foil to finish baking.
- 6. Let the loaf cool in the pan for 10 minutes. Then remove from the pan and cool completely.
- 7. Dust the top with powdered sugar after the bread has completely cooled.