## **Canadian-style Bacon**

This brine will cure about 2 pounds of meat, multiply as needed.

<b>U. S.</b>	Ingredient	Metric
2.2 lb.	Pork loin	1000 grams
1 gal.	Bottled water	3.8 liters
10 oz.	Salt	285 grams
1 lb.	Brown sugar	454 grams
1 oz.	Juniper berries	28 grams
2 oz.	Black peppercorns	56 grams
3 oz.	Prague powder #1	84 grams
2 oz.	Ground fenugreek	56 grams
1 tsp.	Parsley	0.5 gram
1 tsp.	Thyme	0.5 gram
1 tsp.	Rosemary	0.4 gram
2	Bay leaves	0.3 gram



## **Method:**

- 1. Bring the water, salt and sugar to a boil and stir to dissolve thoroughly. Remove from heat.
- 2. Place the parsley, thyme and rosemary sachet bag.
- 3. Add everything else but the Prague powder. Cool
- 4. Add Prague powder and stir to dissolve.
- 5. Add the pork loin, making sure the meat is submerged in the brine..

I don't pump the meat. I let the pork sit in the brine in a cool spot in the fridge for about 10 days. I then soak the meat in ice water for an hour, dry it and smoke for about 4 hours. The fenugreek gives the brine a faint maple bouquet. Some say it doesn't add to the taste, I think different.

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