**Nine-Bean Soup**
Makes 8 to 10 servings

1. gift package Nine-Bean Soup Mix
   Seasoning Mix
2. 5 slices bacon, chopped
3. 1 cup chopped sweet onion
4. 8 cups chicken or beef broth
5. 2 cups water
6. 2 (14.5-ounce) cans fire-roasted diced tomatoes, drained
7. Salt to taste

1. Separate seasoning mix from soup mix. Using a fine wire-mesh strainer, rinse beans thoroughly.
2. In a stockpot, cook bacon over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until almost crisp. Add onion, and cook for 6 minutes or until onion is translucent. Add rinsed beans, broth, water, tomatoes, and seasoning packet to soup. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 2 hours or until beans are tender. Add salt to taste, if desired.