

MC Consider serving chicken on the bone.

(Original: [Below](#))

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Total Time: About 1 1/4 hours — DO NOT SCALE UP THE 8-QUART RECIPE !

— 8 minutes High Pressure + 5-minute Natural Release, then Quick-Release —
For very large thighs, cook 9 minutes High Pressure + 6-minute Natural Release, then Quick Release

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Notes Freeze/Cook Dymo Label

Pressure Cooker



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1. TRIM CHICKEN.

SEASON CHICKEN with salt and pepper.

REFRIGERATE until needed.

Ingredients	Servings Yield	4 to 6 servings	6 to 9 servings	
		6-quart cooker	8-quart cooker	
<i>Bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed and discarded, trimmed</i>		4 pounds (64 oz, 1815 g)	6 pounds 96.0 oz, 2720 g	Try 7 pounds 112.0 oz, 3175 g
<i>Salt and pepper</i>		Salt & pepper	Salt & pepper	

2. **THE MOLE.** Heat oil in pressure-cooker pot over **medium heat** until shimmering.

Add garlic, chipotle, chili powder, cocoa, cinnamon, and cloves and cook until fragrant, about **30 seconds**.

Stir in broth, tomatoes, raisins, and peanut butter, scraping up any browned bits.

Bring to simmer and cook for **5 minutes**.

Purée sauce in blender until smooth, about **30 seconds**. Completely fills my blender - must separate out 1 cup of sauce, then puree in two batches.

<i>Vegetable oil</i>	2 tablespoons (3 tbslp in all)	3 tbslp, 41 g (4.5 tbslp in all)	
<i>Garlic cloves, minced</i>	3 cloves (15 g)	4 cloves (23 g)	
<i>Minced canned chipotle chile in adobo sauce (purée whole can)</i>	2 teaspoons	2 1/2 teaspoons 9 g	Orig: 1 tbslp
<i>Chili powder (used Penzey 3000)</i>	2 tablespoons	3 tablespoons	
<i>Cocoa</i>	2 tablespoons	3 tablespoons	
<i>Ground cinnamon (Try Ceylon)</i>	1/2 teaspoon	3/4 teaspoon	Used Vietnamese
<i>Ground cloves</i>	1/8 teaspoon	1/8 + 1/16 tsp	
<i>Low-sodium chicken broth</i>	2 1/2 cups 21.2 oz, 600 g	3 3/4 cups 31.7 oz, 900 g	Leave as is for 7# chix
<i>28 oz can whole plum tomatoes, halved</i>	1 (14.5-oz) can	23.0 oz, 652 g	
<i>Raisins</i>	1 cup not packed 5.1 oz, 145 g	1 1/2 cups 7.7 oz, 218 g	
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3. Heat remaining oil in now-empty pot.

ADD ONION and sweat until softened, about **5 minutes**.

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THEN ADD CHICKEN to pot.

<i>The remaining oil</i>	1 tbslp (14 g)	1 1/2 tbslp (21 g)	
<i>1 1/2 large onions, halved and sliced 1/2-inch thick</i>	1 med. (1 cup) 8.0 oz, 227 g	1 large (1.5 cups) 12.0 oz, 340 g	
<i>The sauce</i>	<i>The sauce</i>	<i>The sauce</i>	
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4. **LOCK** pressure-cooker lid in place and bring to high pressure over **medium-high heat**. As soon as pot reaches **High Pressure**, reduce heat to **medium-low**. It takes **20 minutes** to reach high pressure in 6 quart Instant Pot.

COOK for **9 minutes** (for really large Costco thighs, cook for **10 minutes**), adjusting heat as needed to maintain high pressure.

Remove pot from the heat.

RELEASE PRESSURE NATURALLY for **5 minutes** (6 minutes for extra-large thighs)

QUICK RELEASE REMAINING PRESSURE, then carefully remove lid, allowing steam to escape away from you.

5. **TRANSFER CHICKEN** to **sheet pan**, cool slightly, then shred meat into bite-size pieces, discarding bones.

6. **MEANWHILE**, bring chili to **simmer**, stir in bell pepper, and cook until tender, **15 minutes**.

STIR IN shredded chicken and cilantro, season with salt and pepper to taste, and serve.

GARNISH with diced red onion.

<i>The chili</i>	<i>The chili</i>	<i>The chili</i>	
<i>Two red bell peppers, stemmed, seeded, cut into 1/2-inch pieces</i>	2 peppers	3 peppers	
<i>The shredded chicken</i>	<i>Shredded chicken</i>	<i>Shredded chicken</i>	
<i>Minced fresh cilantro</i>	1/4 cup	6 tablespoons	
<i>Salt and pepper to taste</i>	Salt & pepper	Salt & pepper	
<i>Diced red onion, for garnish</i>			
<i>Other? Salted peanuts, sliced almonds, pumpkin seeds, chopped radish?</i>			
<i>Extra cilantro leaves?</i>			

Sour Cream, lime wedges, avocado, feta or cotija cheese?

RG notes:

This is a LOT of meat, I prefer using about 3 pounds

Must use size guides at right – need BIG pieces of vegetable

Total time from starting prep to serving is about 2 hours 10 minutes

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Red peppers

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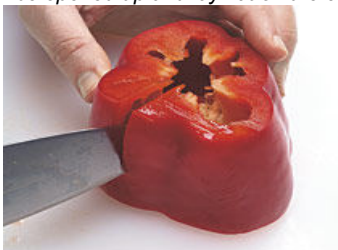
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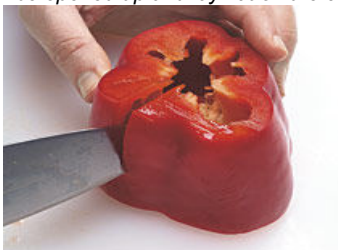
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— 25 minutes High Pressure + Quick Release —

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 tablespoons cocoa
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons minced canned chipotle chile in adobo sauce
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
2 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 cup raisins
1/4 cup peanut butter
4 pounds bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed, trimmed
Salt and pepper
1 onion, halved and sliced 1/2 inch thick
1 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro



- 1. THE MOLÉ.** Heat 2 tablespoons oil in pressure-cooker pot over **medium heat** until shimmering. Add chili powder, cocoa, garlic, chipotle, cinnamon, and cloves and cook until fragrant, about **30 seconds**. Stir in broth, tomatoes, raisins, and peanut butter, scraping up any browned bits. Bring to simmer and cook for **5 minutes**. Purée sauce in blender until smooth, about **30 seconds**.
- 2. SEASON CHICKEN** with salt and pepper. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in now-empty pot. **ADD ONION** and cook until softened, about **5 minutes**. **STIR IN SAUCE**, then add chicken to pot.
- Lock pressure-cooker lid in place and bring to high pressure over **medium-high heat**. As soon as pot reaches high pressure, reduce heat to **medium-low**. **COOK** for **25 minutes**, adjusting heat as needed to maintain high pressure. Remove pot from the heat.
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Baking:

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THAW in refrigerator **overnight**. If micro-thawed,.....

PREHEAT GRILL 15 minutes. Meanwhile, discard marinade & pat chicken dry. Coat lightly with ***mayonnaise***.

LOWER HEAT to **Direct/ Medium** and oil grate.

GRILL CORN (Optional): 4 min/ side.

GRILL CHICKEN 2 minutes per side (1:00 + 1:00, FLIP, 2:00) or until cooked through (160°F). **COVER** with foil.

REST 5-10 min. Slice (opt); serve on bed of ***Cilantro-Lime Rice***, garnished with ***lime wedges & cilantro sprigs***.