Tomato Juice

If you have a bumper crop of tomatoes or just want to preserve some of summers bounty. Make some of this tomato juice and can or freeze it to use as a beverage or in soups, Romanian Peppers or Cabbage Rolls (recipe pg 317).

6	qt basket tomatoes, about 30
2	onions, quartered
3	ribs celery with leaves, chopped coarsely
2	tsp pickling salt, or to taste
1	bay leaf
1/4	cup white sugar, or to taste
2	Tbsp lemon juice

- Wash tomatoes and remove stem ends, quarter and place in large heavy bottomed pot with onions, celery, salt and bay leaves.
- Bring to a boil and simmer about an hour.
- Strain through a food mill into a clean pot.
- Add lemon juice and sugar then taste and adjust seasonings.
- Bring to a boil again and can as above or freeze.