1. Cut chicken and sausages into small pieces.
2. Season chicken with salt, pepper, and paprika.
3. In a large pot with lid, add chicken, sausages, ½ of chopped vegetables, water, and bring to a steady boil.
4. In a heavy skillet, mix cooking oil and flour to make a roux.
5. Starting with a cold skillet, stir constantly until roux mixture reaches a rusty nail color or darker, if desired.
6. Turn off heat, add remaining chopped vegetables and continue to stir roux to help cool the mixture.
7. After the roux mixture stops cooking, uncover boiling pot, and carefully add roux mixture, one spoon at a time. (mixture will foam up at this point).
8. Stir pot after each addition of roux mixture until the pot settles down. Continue until all roux is used.
9. Continue to simmer uncovered for 2 hours (until chicken is tender). Add more water to pot if needed.
10. Remove pot from heat and let rest for 30 minutes.
11. Check pot for visible grease cap and skim to remove.
12. Add reserved greenery and stir.
13. Add filé and stir.

Ingredients:
- 1 large hen
- 2 lbs smoked sausage(s)
- 1 large onion
- 1 large bell pepper
- 1 large bunch parsley (reserve handful for finish)
- 1 large bunch green onions (reserve handful for finish)
- 5 cups water starting
- 2 tbsp filé to taste
- 1 cup cooking oil
- 1 1 cup all purpose flour
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