Brazilian Pork



4 boneless pork loin chops, 3/4 inch thick (5 ounces each), well-trimmed

½ teaspoon ground cumin

½ teaspoon ground coriander (seeds of cilantro)

½ tablespoon chopped fresh *thyme*

1/8 teaspoon ground allspice

½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

3 garlic cloves, crushed with garlic press

1 can (15 to 19 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained

½ cup chicken broth

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

1/4 cup packed chopped fresh *cilantro*

fresh orange wedges (optional)

Pat pork chops dry with paper towels. In cup, mix cumin, coriander, thyme, allspice, and ¼ teaspoon salt. Rub pork chops with spice mixture. Heat nonstick 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add pork chops and cook 4 minutes; turn pork over and cook 3 to 4 minutes longer, until lightly browned on the outside and still slightly pink on the inside. Transfer pork to platter; cover with foil to keep warm.

In the same skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring frequently, 5 minutes or until golden. Add garlic and cook 1 minute longer, stirring. Add beans, chicken broth, lime juice, pepper, and remaining ¼ teaspoon slat; heat through.

To serve, spoon bean mixture over pork; sprinkle with cilantro. Serve with orange wedges if you like.

Serves 4.