Apple-Sausage French Toast

34 pound bulk pork sausage
2 medium apples, peeled and cut into ¼ inch thick slices
6 eggs
2 ½ cups milk
1/3 cup maple syrup
½ t ground nutmeg
18 slices French bread (1/2 inch thick)

In a skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Remove and set aside. Add apples to the skillet; cover and cook for 3-5 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. In a bowl, lightly whisk the eggs, milk, syrup and nutmeg until combined. In a greased 13X9x 2 inch baking dish, arrange half of the bread. Top with the sausage, apples and remaining bread. Pour egg mixture over the top. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until eggs are set and bread is golden. Yield: 9 servings