## Dulce de Leche Banana Cream Pie

Leisa Miller - Calgary, Alberta

Taste of Home Magazine - June/July 2012

## Servings: 8

Preparation Time: 1 hour 45 minutes
Bake Time: 15 minutes
1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
$11 / 3$ cups all-purpose flour
$1 / 2$ teaspoon salt
$1 / 2$ cup cold lard
3 to 4 tablespoons cold water
FILLING
$1 / 2$ cup sugar
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup whole milk
1/3 cup half-and-half cream
3 egg yolks
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 medium bananas, sliced
2 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped
Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.
Pour the condensed milk into a 9 -inch deep-dish pie plate. Cover with foil. Plsce the pie plate in a larger shallow pan. Add one inch of hot water to the pan.
Bake for $11 / 2$ hours or until caramel-colored.
Whisk the dulce de leche to blend. Transfer to a bowl. Cool for 1 hour. Refrigerate until chilled.
In a bowl, mix the flour and salt. Cut in the lard until crumbly. Gradually stir in the water until the dough forms a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 1 hour.
In a heavy saucepan, combine the flour, sugar and salt. Whisk in the milk and cream. Cook and stir over medium heat until thick and bubbly. Cook for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat. Whisk a small amount into the egg yolks. Return all to the pan, whisking constantly. Bring to a gentle boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes.
Transfer to a bowl. Stir in the vanilla. Cool slightly. Cover the surface with waxed paper. Chill completely.
Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.
Roll the dough on a floured surface to a $1 / 8$-inch thick circle. Transfer to a 9 -inch pie palte. Trim and flute the edges. Line the pastry with heavy-duty foil. Fill with pie weights.

Bake for 12 minutes. Remove the foil and weights. Bake 3 to 5 minutes or until the crust is golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

Spoon the filling into the crust. Layer with the bananas and dulce de leche.
Top with whipped cream.

