

\$10,000 Winner, Signature

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INGREDIENTS

11/2 cups sugar, divided

7 egg yolks

1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk

34 cup milk

11/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1/8 teaspoon MORTON Salt

4 egg whites

1 (8-ounce) package PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese

INSTRUCTIONS

Sprinkle 1 cup sugar in a medium-size heavy saucepan; place over medium heat, and cook, stirring constantly, 5 minutes or until sugar melts and turns a light golden brown. Quickly pour hot caramelized sugar into a 2-quart flan dish. Using oven mitts, tilt dish to evenly coat bottom and sides. Let stand 5 minutes (sugar will harden).

Whisk together egg yolks, and next 5 ingredients in a large bowl. Process egg whites, cream cheese, and remaining ½ cup sugar in blender until smooth. Stir egg white mixture into egg yolk mixture. Pour mixture through a wire-mesh strainer into a large bowl; pour custard over caramelized sugar.

Place dish in a large shallow pan. Add hot water to pan to a depth of one-third up sides of dish. Bake at 350° for 1 hour and 45 minutes. Remove dish from water bath; cool completely on a wire rack. Cover and chill at least 3 hours. Run a knife around edge of flan to loosen; invert onto a serving plate.