

Mom's Prized Pineapple Pig Pickin' Cake

Yield: 1 cake.

FOR THE CAKE:

- 1 box butter golden cake mix
- 1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges, chopped into smaller pieces (do not drain)
- 4 large eggs
- ¼ cup vegetable oil

FOR THE FROSTING:

- 1 (16-ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 (3.4 ounce) box instant vanilla pudding
- 2 (8-ounce) containers whipped topping, thawed

For the cake: Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 3 8-inch cake pans with vegetable shortening.

In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, eggs, oil, and mandarin oranges with their juice.

Divide batter between pans. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean.

Turn the cake out of the pan and place onto a wire rack. Let cool to room temperature.

For the frosting: In a large bowl, stir together the drained pineapple and pudding mix. Once combined, fold whipped topping into pineapple mixture.

Frost each layer and sides of the cake. Serve soon or loosely cover and refrigerate for up to 4 hours.

