DAD'S MEATLOAF

From the recipe's author: "This is how my dad used to make it. Everyone who has eaten it just loves it. I love it because it reminds me of him."



INGREDIENTS

2 pounds ground beef

1 pound sausage (hot or mild)

1 medium onion, chopped

1 small bell pepper, chopped

2 sleeves saltines

1 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes, plain or with herbs of choice

18-ounce can tomato sauce

2 eggs

salt to taste

pepper to taste

Worcestershire sauce, to taste

ketchup

INSTRUCTIONS

Using your hands, mix beef, sausage, onion, bell pepper, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, and eggs in a large bowl. Add saltines until stiff enough to form loaf. Bake 60-90 minutes at 350°F until a meat thermometer inserted into the loaf reads at least 160°F.

Spread ketchup on top of loaf during last 10-15 minutes of baking time.

YIELD:

8 servings