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Project Title

Rise to the Point: Ice-Nucleating Protein in Water

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

Ice-nucleating protein is a protein used as a snow inducer. Our project was to test this protein to see how much it raises the freezing point of water.

Methods/Materials

We used a container and added ice, rock salt, and water to get the temperature to be -5?C. Then we mixed ice-nucleating protein with distilled water. We put 3 ml of distilled water in one test tube and 3 ml of the ice-nucleating protein water in another test tube. To get data we connected a Vernier LabPro to a computer and two sensors to the LabPro. The computer graphed the temperature of the two test tubes for 35 minutes.

Results

In two of our test the plain water froze at a higher temperature. In three of our tests the water with ice-nucleating protein froze at a higher temperature.

Conclusions/Discussion

We didn't find a specific difference of degrees in the two, but we learned that water with ice-nucleating protein always freezes faster than plain water.

Summary Statement

Our project was to find out how ice-nucleating protein affects the freezing point of water.

Help Received

Our teacher helped us research.