

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2002 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s)

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Project Number

S0613

Project Title

The Skin of the Earth

Objectives/Goals

Abstract

My objective is to find out which type of soil will hold in the most moisture over a period of time: Potting, Sand, Clay, or Mixed soil. I believe that potting soil will retain the most water over a period of time.

Methods/Materials

- 4 large containers
- 4 tiny containers
- 4 types of soil
- 1 weighting scale
- + water

Results

Potting soil held the most amount of water, clay held the second most amount of water, mixed soil held the third most amount of water and sand held the least amount of water over a span of 18 days.

Conclusions/Discussion

My conclusion is that the size of the pores in the soil plays an important part in the soil's ability to hold moisture. The soil with the biggest pore size will be able to hold the most amount of water in it.

Summary Statement

My project was to evaluate which type of soil would hold the most moisture over time.

Help Received

Parents and teachers helped to get my materials but I performed the experiment on my own.