

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2004 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Can Tobacco Leaves Be Used as an Alternative to Chemical Plant Fertilizers?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

This experiment was to determine if tobacco could be used as an alternative to chemical plant fertilizers.

Methods/Materials

15 syngonium plants

11g of tobacco

750ml water for tobacco mixture

5ml of Miracle-gro fertilizer

5L water

1NPK/pH test kit

Feed 5 plants fertilizer, 5 plants tobacco mixture, 5 plants water every 2 weeks. Feed with tap water every week.

Results

Miracle Gro fertilizer was the best plant enhancer because it grew taller and more leaves. The tobacco fed plants grew taller on average than the water fed plants. The water fed plants grew more leaves than the tobacco fed plants. Overall, Miracle gro worked the best.

Conclusions/Discussion

For further experiments the entire tobacco plant should be used. The stem might have a greater sufficiency of NPK. Miracle gro could be tested against other fertilizers. Tobacco may not be the best fertilizer for the syngonium plant but it might work better on other house plants.

Summary Statement

To see if tobacco could have a positive use as a plant fertilizer.

Help Received

My mother boiled the tobacco mixture.