

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2008 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Fertilizer and Sweet Pea Growth

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The objective of my experiment was to find out what fertilizer made sweet peas grow the most. I believed that the two conditions treated with worm compost tea and regular water would grow the most.

Methods/Materials

I planted sweet peas in a soil mix and treated 6 different groups: plain water, worm compost tea, and four different fertilizers: nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and micro-nutrients. There were five plants in each condition. I measured the height three times and calculated the difference in centimeters.

Results

The peas treated with worm compost tea grew the most.

Conclusions/Discussion

My hypothesis was proven accurate. The measurements were close between worm coompost tea and phosphorus fertilizer, and with more time for the peas to mature, a stronger conclusion might be reached. I learned that I cannot compare height if the plants are not the same height before I start to treat with different fertilizer.

Summary Statement

My experiment compared the growth of sweet peas treated with N-P-K, micro-nutrients, and worm compost tea.

Help Received

Mother helped me edit report