

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2009 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Can Bees "Bee" Fooled?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

To see if bees can connect shapes with food sources.

Methods/Materials

Provide bees with two dishes: one with honey water and the other with water. Each dish has a different drawn shape on a paper towel placed on it before liquid is poured in the dish. The shapes are switched between water and food source (honey and water) on subsequent days to see if bees "remember" which shape contained food.

Results

The bees always went to the food dish.

Conclusions/Discussion

The bees detected the food by sight, or smell.

Summary Statement

To see if bees can remember shapes.

Help Received

Braver father helped move dishes closer to bee hive to prevent stings.