

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2010 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

The Effects of Seasonings on the Control of Escherichia coli in Hamburger

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

Part 1: How much E.coli is found in Hamburger?

Part 2: Which spice affects E.coli the best?

Methods/Materials

I will be using EMB agar to test the E.coli. The reason I am using EMB is because it is known best for showing E.coli bacteria. In addition, I will also be using four different types of spices: Cinnamon, Garlic, Oregano, and Sage. One other item I will be using is five different meat sources. They vary from fast food chains, to top of the line meat stores, to little corner stores.

Results

Average of Non E.coli Coliform and E.coli in Hamburger Meat

My results were that Meat from Store WM had the least bacteria growth and that Processed at X Slaughter House had the most bacteria growth.

Average Number of Non E.coli Coliform and E.coli in Meats with Spices

My results in this section showed me that Garlic, Oregano, and Sage had a really good positive effect towards the meats when compared to Cinnamon that did change the amount of bacteria but not as well as the others.

Average Non E.coli Coliform and E.coli in Hamburger Meat Mixed With Cinnamon

My results were that Meat From Store WM had the least amount of bacteria change even after the spices were added and Processes at x Slaughter House had the most amount of bacteria change when the spices were added.

Average Non E.coli Coliform and E.coli in Hamburger Meat Mixed with Sage

My results were that Meat From Store WM had the least amount of bacteria change even after the spices were added and Processes at x Slaughter House had the most amount of bacteria change when the spices were added.

Average Non E.coli Coliform and E.coli in Hamburger Meat Mixed with Oregano

My results were that Meat From Store WM had the least amount of bacteria change even after the spices were added and Meat From Store LC had the most amount of bacteria change when the spices were added.

Average Non E.coli Coliform And E.coli in Hamburger Mixed with Garlic

My results were that Meat from Store WM had the least amount of bacteria change even after the spices were added and Processes at x Slaughter House had the most amount of bacteria change when the spices

Summary Statement

My project is about finding how much E.coli is found in meat and what spice effects ti the best.

Help Received

mother helped cut papers and used lab equipment at Sanger High School