

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2011 PROJECT SUMMARY

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## **Project Title**

# Which Kind of Green Roof Building Insulates the Best?

## **Abstract**

# Objectives/Goals

What type of green roof building would insulate the best, one with grass on top or a clover ground cover? I think the grass will keep the inside of a green roof building the coolest because it is thicker.

#### Methods/Materials

I built three cardboard "houses" and put grass on one, clovers on one, and one inch of dirt on another. I put each of the buildings under a heatlamp for a half hour, an hour, two hours, and four hours. Then I measured the inside temperature of each of the buildings.

#### Results

The results showed the clovers kept the inside of the building the coolest and the dirt kept the inside of the building the warmest.

### **Conclusions/Discussion**

I thought the grass would keep the inside of the building the coolest but the results showed that the clovers did. My hypothesis was not supported.

# **Summary Statement**

My project is about whether grass or clovers put on top of a green roof building will keep the inside of the building the coolest.

## Help Received

My dad drove me to Micheals to buy supplies. My dad bought me a digital thermometer.