

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2012 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Burning Calories: How Much Energy Is Stored in Different Types of Food?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

our objectives were to find how many calories are stored in different types of foods.

Methods/Materials

Methods:we burned food in calorimeter, measured items and used formula to find the actual calories of each food./Materials: 2 tin cans, cork, needle, hammer, nail,graduated cylinder,water thermometer, matches, food to be tested,walnut,almonds, marshmallow, dog food.

Results

out of the three experimental trials the walnut had the most calories and the marshmallow was the least calories, but the almond had the most consistent results.

Conclusions/Discussion

after the trials, we noticed the food that burned longer contained the most calories. this was helpful because the foods that we thought would be the most caloric, like the marshmallow, was proven to have the least.

Summary Statement

our project is about using the calorimeter and the formula to find the amount of calories stored in food

Help Received

parent helped in understanding the formula, and school science fail judge gave tips to improve project.