

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2013 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Meaty Decisions: Which Size and Type of Meat Is Digested the Most in a 24 Hour Period?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

My goal was to discover which size and type of meat will digest the most in a 24 hour period.

Methods/Materials

For my experiment I cut up pork, chicken, and beef into both large and small bite sized pieces, and after weighing them, left them overnight in a sealed plastic bag containing white vinegar. After 24 hours I drained off the liquid and weighed the solids.

Results

In my tests, the pork digested more than the other types of meat. Beef digested less than the chicken and pork. I also found that big pieces digested more than the small pieces.

Conclusions/Discussion

If pork digests quicker than beef and chicken it would seem to be the healthier choice. Even though my tests show that bigger pieces digested quicker, research I read makes me believe that my testing was flawed.

Summary Statement

My project is about finding the healthiest meat by determining which one digests the most.

Help Received

Sister helped with topic; Mr. Gong helped find other variables; Dad was lab assistant; Mom helped with board.