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Name(s) **Project Number** Chloe A. Breen **S2202 Project Title** The Disadvantages of Imidacloprid: The Effects of Imidacloprid on Alfalfa **Abstract** Objectives/Goals The goal of this project is to show that insecticides damage plant life as well as the targeted insects. I observed the growth of alfalfa sprouts with and without an insecticide called imidacloprid. **Methods/Materials** In this experiment there are two control jars of alfalfa sprouts and two jars of sprouts grown with the chemical. The imidacloprid is found in flea medicines for pets. **Results** The results of this project are that the sprouts grown with imidacloprid did not succeed past germination, while the control jars continued to grow healthily. **Conclusions/Discussion** This information could be useful in encouraging people to decrease the use of these insecticides to create safer environments. **Summary Statement** My project is about the negative effects that insecticides, specifically neonicotinoids, have on plant life.