

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2003 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Living With Drought

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The objective was to determine the most drought resistant grass. I believed that Annual Ryegrass would grow the best, and prove to be the most drought resistant grass.

Methods/Materials

Four types of grass were tested in three different experiments. Experiments one and three measured growth of height of each grass. Experiment one received 150 ml of water per week for five weeks, and experiment three received 210 ml per week for three weeks. Experiment two measured number of seeds germinated, receiving 30 ml of water per week for three weeks. Experiments two and three were repeated twice each. The grasses were placed under growing lamps for 24 hours per day.

Results

Tall Fescue consistently grew the best in all of the experiments. Bermuda consistently grew the least.

Conclusions/Discussion

My conclusion is that Tall Fescue proved to be the most drought resistant grass out of the grasses I tested.

Summary Statement

My project was to find out the most drought resistant grass.

Help Received

Used growing lamps at Alta Sierra Intermediate lab under the supervision of Mr. Piercy; mother and father helped with matting of pages.