



# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2002 PROJECT SUMMARY

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| <b>Project Title</b><br>Fruit and Drosophila melanogaster                        |  |
| <b>Objectives/Goals</b><br>Abstract  | <b>Abstract</b><br><p>In my project I used fruit flies to see what fruits they preferred. I had five containers, one in the center of which five stretched out of, they were connected by pi-pets. In all four there was a different fruit. The fruits I used were bananas, apples, oranges and pears. First of all when I received my flies I put them to sleep with Fly Nap. After, I put all of them to sleep, I placed them in the center container. On the next morning I went to see if they had done a preference. They had. I had clear containers so I could see them. I counted how many were on each fruit every day. I kept all my data on a journal. I did this for thirty-five days. Since some days they go to different fruits, I had to average the amounts together. Every two weeks I had to change the fruits, when I did that I placed them in the middle container to see which fruit they would prefer.</p> <p>My results were very interesting. Some fruits gained flies each day and some started decreasing. At the end I added all the numbers and divided them by the number of dates to have an exact number. Here are my averages, bananas had an average of thirty-seven, apples had an average of six, pears had an average of zero and oranges had an average of seven. It was interesting because at the beginning my results were very different.</p> |
| <b>Methods/Materials</b><br>Materials  |  |
| <b>Results</b><br>Results  |  |
| <b>Summary Statement</b><br>Seeing which fruit Drosophila melanogaster prefer.   |  |
| <b>Help Received</b><br>My teacher Mr. Susman for helping me when I had trouble. |  |