

VGL-ATM-4

Now we go beyond Mendel- Sorry, but that was about 160 years ago.....

This is more difficult than other simulations, because it is realistic, and you won't, and can't, know what you actually have in the insect cages.

This is the first time I am using this program, so, feel free to make comments.

Like Mendel you are looking at traits. Unlike Mendel, you can't know (before you do any crosses) if your starting "bugs" are true breeding or not.

Start VGLII – Following the general instruction sheet.

Open a Word Document

Open in the VGL folder Level03

On a piece of paper, neatly keep track of your crosses. This will not be collected, but, without it, you WILL be terminally confused.

In your Word document – Put your names and the date at the top

Title-Practice

1-What is the trait you have opened?

2-What are the forms of the trait?

Perform crosses to discover which form of the trait is dominant and which is recessive. This is very difficult, since you aren't starting with true breeding "bugs." Cross bugs until you get "true breeders" and then follow Mendel's pattern starting with a P generation and producing an F1 and F2 generations.

This time, also look at the genders of the bugs you are producing.

3-What are the dominant and recessive forms of the trait?

Do sufficient crosses to establish, to your satisfaction, that you have found true breeding "insects" for this trait. Consider those "insects" your P generation, and cross them to produce an F1 generation.

4-What are the offspring of the F1 generation?

Cross the F1 generation insects.

5-What are the results? Do a super cross with 1000 offspring (utility menu). What are those results?

6-How does this compare with your expectations? What is the ratio of those showing the dominant trait (that you determined in #3) to the recessive trait?

7-Do a Chi square for the F2 generation and report your results (use the super cross for larger numbers). Use Mendel's expectations for a dihybrid cross for your expected values. In this case separate the genders of the flies.

Check your results by going back to the first cage and click on Show Genetic Model and compare your results.

Is there a problem with your data? If so, how might you explain it.

Close your work.

Title-Experiment-1

Repeat steps 1-7 using problem Level04

8-What is gene linkage?

9-To what is the gene you are studying linked?

10-In the Utility Menu select Model Builder.

11-In the file menu choose-Save Work for grading, saving the file somewhere you can find it (desktop).
Use the file name LastName_VGL-4

12-In your Word document add any reasoning that might help your case.

13-Email me your Word document and the grading file (drg.atm@gmail.com)