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Table 11.1 Plant Hormones (1 of 2)

Hormone		Where synthesized in plants	Major functions
Auxins (Example shown: IAA)	CH ₂ COOH	Embryos, meristems, buds, young leaves	Stimulates stem and root growth; pro- motes cell differentiation in tissue cul- ture and in procambium; regulates development of fruit; apical dominance; causes phototropism and gravitropism
Cytokinins (Example shown: zeatin)	CH ₂ OH CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₃	Roots	Promotes root growth and differentia- tion; stimulates cell division and growth in tissue culture; stimulates germination; retards aging
Gibberellins (Example shown: GA ₃)	HO CH ₃ COOH	Meristems, young leaves, embryos	Promotes seed germination and bud growth; promotes stem elongation and leaf growth; stimulates flowering and fruit development

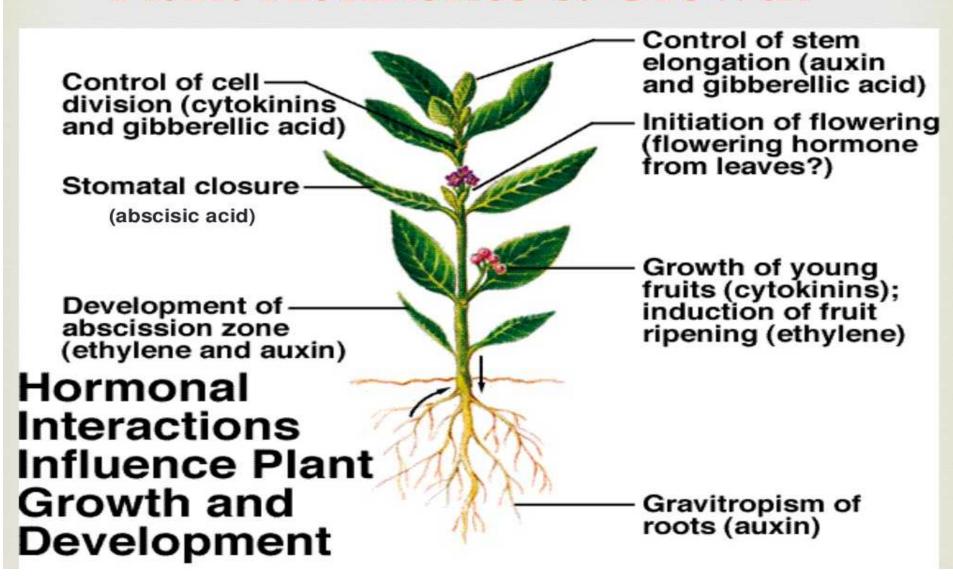
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Hormone		Where synthesized in plants	Major functions
Abscisic acid (ABA)	H ₃ C CH ₃ CH ₃ OH CH ₃ COOH	Leaves, stems, roots, fruits	Inhibits growth; closes stomata during water stress; promotes dormancy
Ethylene	HC-CH	Ripening fruits, aging leaves and flowers	Promotes ripening of some fruits and thickening of stems and roots
Brassinosteroids (Example shown: brassinolide)	HO HO	Seeds, fruits, shoots, leaves, and flower buds	Auxin-like effects; inhibits root growth; retards leaf abscission; promotes xylem differentiation

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Plant Hormones & Growth



Naturally occurring (endogenous) auxins in plants include:

Indole-3-acetic acid

4-chloroindole-3-acetic acid

Phenylacetic acid

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Indole-3-butyric acid

Indole-3-propionic acid

Synthetic auxin analogs include:



1-naphthaleneacetic acid

2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)

