





| Hormone | Where Produced or Found in Plant | Major Functions |
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| Auxin (IAA) | Shoot apical meristems and young leaves are the primary sites of auxin synthesis. Root apical meristems also produce auxin, although the root depends on the shoot for much of its auxin. Developing seeds and fruits contain high levels of auxin, but it is unclear whether it is newly synthesized or transported from maternal tissues. | Stimulates stem elongation (low concentration only); promotes the formation of lateral and adventitious roots; regulates development of fruit; enhances apical dominance; functions in phototropism and gravitropism, promotes vascular differentiation; retards leaf abscission. |
| Cytokinins | These are synthesized primarily in roots and transported to other organs, although there are many minor sites of production as well. Regulate cell division in shoots and roots; modify ar dominance and promote lateral bud growth; promo movement of nutrients into sink tissues; stimulate su germination; delay leaf senescence. | |
| Gibberellins | Meristems of apical buds and roots, young leaves, and developing seeds are the primary sites of production. Stimulate stem elongation, pollen development, polle tube growth, fruit growth, and seed development and germination; regulate sex determination and the transition from juvenile to adult phases. | |
| Brassinosteroids | These compounds are present in all plant tissues, although different intermediates predominate in different organs. Internally produced brassinosteroids act near the site of synthesis. Promote cell expansion and cell division in shoots; promote root growth at low concentrations; promote xylem differentiation and inhibit phloem differentiation; promote seed germination and pollen tube elongatio | |
| Abscisic acid (ABA) | Almost all plant cells have the ability to synthesize abscisic acid, and its presence has been detected in every major organ and living tissue; may be transported in the phloem or xylem. Inhibits growth; promotes stomatal closure durin drought stress; promotes seed dormancy and inh early germination; promotes leaf senescence; pro desiccation tolerance. | |
| Ethylene | This gaseous hormone can be produced by most parts of the plant. It is produced in high concentrations during senescence, leaf abscission, and the ripening of some types of fruit. Synthesis is also stimulated by wounding and stress. | Promotes ripening of many types of fruit, leaf abscission, and the triple response in seedlings (inhibition of stem elongation, promotion of lateral expansion, and horizontal growth); enhances the rate of senescence; promotes root and root hair formation; promotes flowering in the pineapole family. |

































| Environmental Stress | Major Response |
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| Drought | ABA production, reducing water loss by closing stomata |
| Flooding | Formation of air tubes that help roots survive oxygen deprivation |
| Salt | Avoiding osmotic water loss by producing solutes tolerated at high concentrations |
| Heat | Synthesis of heat-shock proteins, which reduce protein denaturation at high temperatures |
| Cold | Adjusting membrane fluidity; avoiding osmotic water loss; producing antifreeze proteins |





