



CROP REGULATION

A GROWERS PERSPECTIVE

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A high-angle, rear-view shot from the back of a white truck. The truck is carrying a long, single-file line of blue plastic crates, each filled to the brim with bright orange citrus fruit, likely oranges. The crates stretch far into the distance on a dirt road. In the background, a white utility vehicle and a forklift are visible near some industrial buildings and trees. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

ITS ALL ABOUT THE \$'S

And it really is that simple

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- Experience working with other MFC Growers and Staff

WHAT IS IT?

- Managing the development of next years crop

PRINCIPLES

- Not much money in cow feed
(unless you have a feedlot)
- Grow fruit which can be
profitably sold

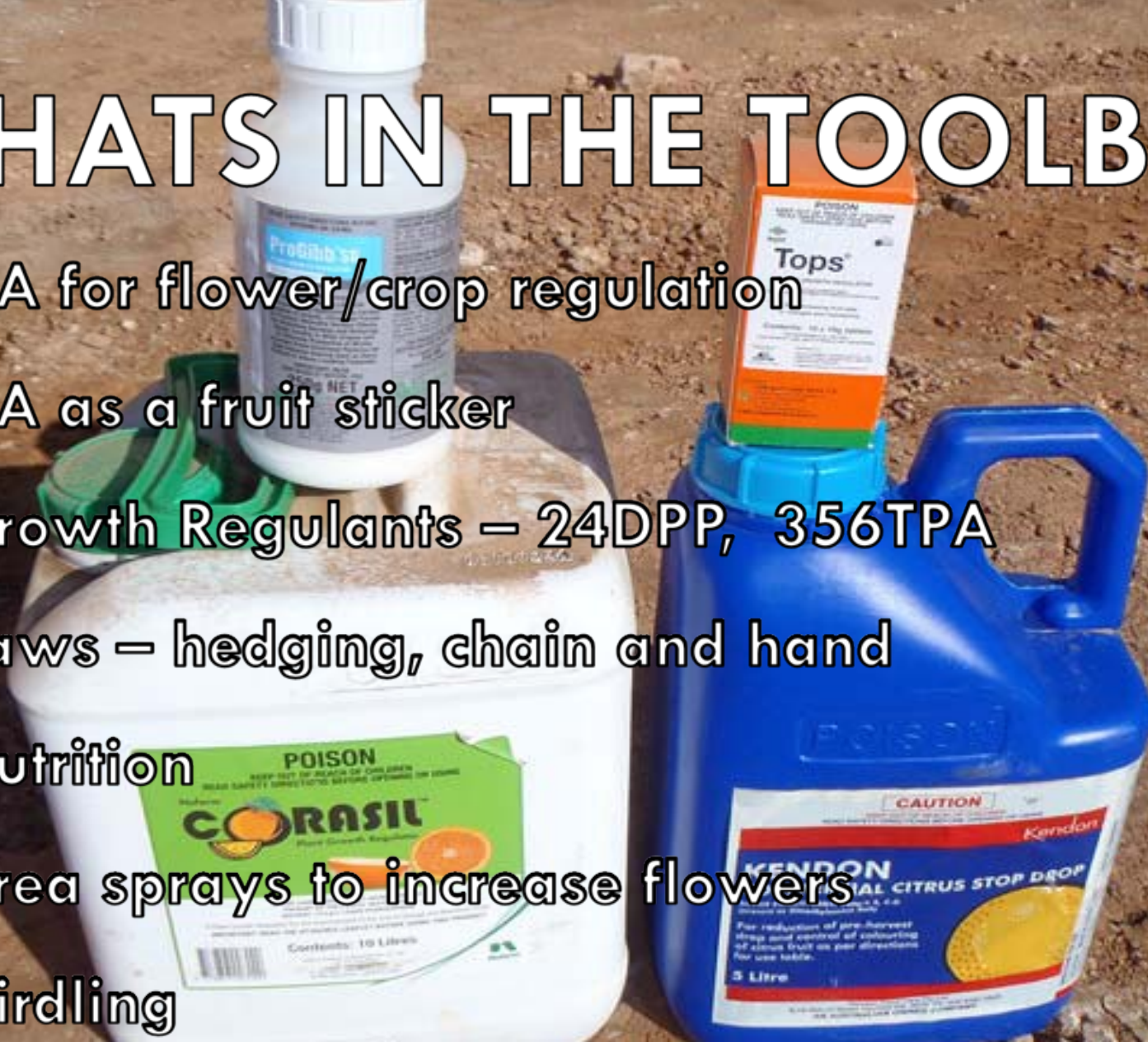
THE PROCESS

- Many tools available
- Think ahead
- Make decisions
- Every patch, every year
- The earlier the better

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WHATS IN THE TOOLBOX?

- GA for flower/crop regulation
- GA as a fruit sticker
- Growth Regulants – 24DPP, 356TPA
- Saws – hedging, chain and hand
- Nutrition
- Urea sprays to increase flowers
- Girdling



THINK OUTSIDE THE SQUARE

- Choose the best mix of tools
- Different treatments to different parts of the tree
- Multiple sprays in 2nd GA crop reg window
- Low cost and aggressive canopy management

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KEY ISSUES

- Make decisions
- Make them early
- Learn from experience