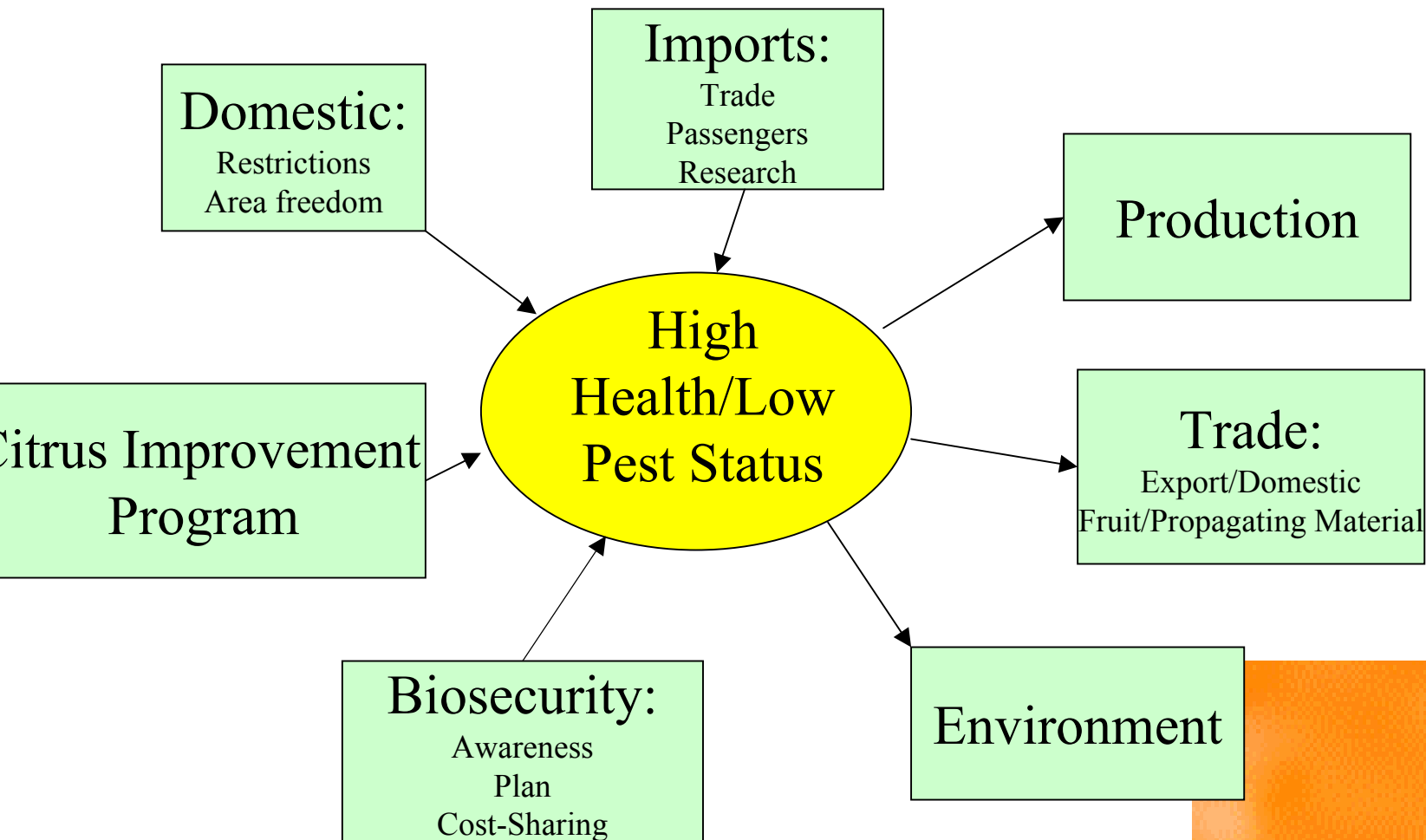


CITRUS PERSPECTIVE





Citrus imports: Trade

- Value of fruit for 2002/03: nearly \$13 million
- 5 importing countries: USA (Ca/Az/Tx); Spain; Israel; NZ; Egypt ... more in the pipeline...
- Propagating material; ornamentals etc

Citrus imports: Passengers

- Over last 3 years, over 300 interceptions of citrus, mainly at airports. Around 30 positive for citrus canker.



Citrus imports: Research

- 2003 detections of South African citrus thrips and wheat streak mosaic virus at research institutions
- Citrus welcomes the review of biosecurity protocols at Australian plant research institutes



Domestic quarantine

- restrictions of movement of fruit, leaves & nursery stock
- e.g. Queensland nursery due to orange stem pitting
Fruit into the fruit fly exclusion zone in southern
Australia



Citrus Improvement Program

- provides healthy, true-to-type planting material
- internationally recognised scheme
- high industry investment
- commercial budwood/seed arm

Biosecurity

- industry, government and public awareness
- planning
- cost-sharing



Production

- market access
- productivity

Trade

- Record export value for 2002/03: \$201 million
- Over 70 export markets: Top 6 represent 90% of value
(Hong Kong, USA, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan & Indonesia)
- Australian budwood scheme sale to China
- Fresh juice market growing



Environment

- IPM
- native citrus species
- large backyard production



Challenges

- to industry: imports are part of exporting; there are riskier modes of entry for exotic pests
- to government: SPS principles – robust, transparent and scientifically-based risk assessments – should apply more broadly
- to both: build and maintain a dynamic science base; build partnerships to address health concerns



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