

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

Coffee Growers, We Need Your Feedback:

Efforts to obtain a Section 18 Emergency Exemption for the use of a systemic product called Priaxor is currently underway. This product, if approved, will be useful in further combatting coffee leaf rust (CLR) in Hawaii. We are attempting to determine how much product is needed by growers so there is an adequate amount of fungicide available for use during the permit timeframe.

Please complete the survey found at the link below, but ONLY IF you have not yet provided information and an estimate of Priaxor use to HCA, KCFA, MCA, HCGA, KCC, or another coffee association. We don't want to overestimate and double count farm need. Your response is greatly appreciated. **The survey will close Thurs., Jan. 21, 2021.**

<https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/priaxor.html>

CLR Spray Publication Updated:

The coffee leaf rust spray publication was recently updated to include the product, OxiDate 2.0. This is the only product that lists curative properties on its label and at a 1% solution, may help to kill CLR within coffee leaves. This product should not be used repetitively and should be rotated with other approved fungicides to avoid pesticide resistance. Please see the spray document below for information on spray recommendations, product rotation, and a list of other approved fungicide products that can be used to treat CLR on coffee in Hawaii. This spray pub is available in:

- English - <http://bit.ly/3nOBm4v>
- Spanish - <http://bit.ly/3bJo7Q8>
- Ilocano - <http://bit.ly/39CsVnv>
- Tagalog - <http://bit.ly/3qoZvjz>

Read carefully and follow all pesticide labels. For example, do not mix OxiDate 2.0 with copper or other metallic-based fungicides or products and do not mix OxiDate 2.0 with *Beauveria bassiana* products. This product is highly corrosive in its concentrated form so use proper PPEs. Also, use up all of the solution when mixed and don't let it sit overnight. For other information, consult the pesticide product label.

Pesticide Log:

Don't forget to log down your use of pesticides (herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, miticides, etc). Visit <https://bit.ly/3srzdyZ> for an example of a pesticide log form by HDOA and a brochure (<https://bit.ly/2LRUJwf>) with Worker Protection Standard information. Keep these log forms on file in case you are asked for spray records.

Farm Visits:

I will be starting up farm visits again while taking precautions to prevent the spread of coffee leaf rust. Please contact me if you have questions and if you would like to schedule a visit. You can email me at andreak@hawaii.edu, call 808-322-4892, or text 415-604-1511.

-Andrea

Visit <https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/events-and-announcements> for additional information on the following events, announcements and more.

Monday, January 18th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Leadership in Challenging Economic Times Webinar

Friday, January 22

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Online

Fee: \$15

Register at <http://bit.ly/3qqy1KA>

A business is different from every other environment in which we live and work and these times are different than any that have gone before. Now more than ever, leaders are what businesses need. This webinar will help you to take a hard look at exactly what your leadership skills really are.

- Using leadership skills to bring out the best in your team
- How to lead in times of uncertainty
- Creating a sense of urgency for making a change
- Planning and executing an organization-wide change strategy
- Resolving conflict and overcoming resistance
- Can you be an introvert and be a successful leader

Presenter:

John Barnett PhD, Social Psychologist and Business Consultant

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HDOA: Agricultural Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Accepting Applications

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) Market Development Branch is now accepting grant proposals under the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) for fiscal year 2021. This block grant program under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is administered through HDOA and aims to strengthen markets and expand economic opportunities for local and regional farmers and producers. Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery (floriculture) crops.

The grant program is open to non-profit organizations, local, state, and federal government entities, for-profit organizations, universities and individuals for projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. To be eligible to participate, applicants must reside in or their business or educational affiliation must be registered in Hawai'i.

Continue reading at <https://bit.ly/3icHsdF>

USDA FSA Outreach Focus

In this issue:

- **Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program Announced**
 - FSA announced a new program that provides assistance to producers who suffered eligible crop quality losses due to natural disasters occurring in 2018 and 2019. **The Quality Loss Adjustment Program (QLA)** offers assistance on quality loss based on a producer's harvested affected production of an eligible crop, which must have had at least a 5% quality loss reflected through a quality discount; or for forage crops, a nutrient loss, such as total digestible nutrients. The loss in quality must have occurred from a qualifying disaster in 2018 and 2019. More information on the Quality Loss Adjustment program is available on the website: www.farmers.gov/quality-loss
 - Join FSA for a QLA Program educational webinar for stakeholder organizations scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 3:00 pm. Registration is required and can be accessed at: <http://bit.ly/2XEEghy>
- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Sign-Up Underway**
 - Agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can sign up for the popular program until Feb. 12, 2021. The competitive sign-up, which began Monday, January 4th, provides annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes. It is available to farmers and private landowners who are either enrolling for the first time or re-enrolling for another 10- to 15-year term. New cropland offered in the program must have been planted for four out of six crop years from 2012 to 2017. Additionally, producers with land already enrolled but expiring on Sept. 30, 2021, can re-enroll this year. The acreage offered by producers and landowners is evaluated competitively; accepted offers will begin Oct. 1, 2021.
 - Read more about this popular program at: <http://bit.ly/35DIYAs>
- **USDA Seeks Nominees for Secretary's Advisory Committee on Urban Agriculture**
 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking members for a new advisory committee on urban agriculture, part of a broader effort to focus on the needs of urban farmers. The 12-person committee will advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices as well as identify any barriers to urban agriculture. Nominations (self nominations are permitted) are due by **March 5, 2021**. For information on eligibility and how to apply visit <http://bit.ly/38EJ3ph>
- **Staying Connected**
 - Are you a community based organization, Agricultural association/organization who works with farmers, ranchers and landowners? This newsletter is just for you! Connect with us for program education and resources to to share with the farmers, ranchers and producers you serve.
 - Farmers and ranchers can subscribe to their state's news alerts and texts for program information and outreach events at www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe. To identify your state outreach coordinator, visit <http://bit.ly/38EAWJm>
- **Reminder of Upcoming Deadlines:**

- January 15 - Seafood Trade Relief Assistance Program: Supporting US Fishermen
 - <http://bit.ly/3nPKjdT>
 - February 1 - Livestock Forage Program (LFP) (Submit for qualifying 2020 losses)
 - February 12 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
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Coffee Leaf Rust Report

Report courtesy of Suzanne Shriner

Much is happening within the Multi-Agency meetings on Coffee Leaf Rust so I am writing to summarize my notes from the calls. The Wednesday meetings average about two hours in length. There have been 9 meetings to date and typically have about 35 people on the call between growers and agency staff (HDOA, CTAHR, APHIS, PBARC, HARC and many others).

This report (<http://bit.ly/2LBskL0>) includes information about:

- Systemics
- Field Grafting
- Strategic Planning
- Other research
- Plant Quarantine
- Extension
- Spread of CLR

If you have any questions you can email: suzanne@coffeeofkona.com

These multi-agency CLR meeting minutes have been posted to the HCA website - <http://bit.ly/3oPPeg7>
