

**Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter**

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

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**FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS: SEPTEMBER**

Next Level Marketing for New business

- Wed. Sept 22, 2021
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
- RSVP to Kuha’o Business Center at 808-553-8100

5 Considerations for Starting a Business

- Thursday, September 23, 2021
  - 9:00 am – 10:15 am
  - Virtually on Zoom
  - RSVP to Kuha’o Business Center at 808-553-8100
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**Bird and Bee Hawaii Presents: The Art of Beekeeping**

A 4-Part Class on Beeking for Beginning Beekeepers

\*\*\*\*Deposit Due September 1st

September 11th, 18th, 25th and October 2nd, 2021, 11 AM – 3 PM

Honokaa, Hawaii

Cost: \$135 for Materials & \$250 for Tuition

Maximum: 8 students

Participants will learn the following:

- The Basics of the honeybee hive
- Hive management
- Hive Equipment construction and maintenance
- Pests of the Hive
- Products of the Hive
- How to extract honey and use extraction equipment

For more information, please call: 808-936-6019 or email [birdandbeehawaii@gmail.com](mailto:birdandbeehawaii@gmail.com)

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## **Certification for Government Contracting**

**Sep 29, 10:30 PM HST**

**Online Training**

**Apply here for Cohort 4 - <https://bit.ly/3hbkCnp>**

Learn how your business can compete for government and corporate set aside contracts.

\*Cohort 4A - 1 session: 9/28/21 - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm HST (Open to all)

\*Cohort 4B 0 3 sessions: 10/5 - 10/19/21, and Contracting Officers Panel - 1 session, date TBD  
(Prerequisites listed)

Trainings are free to qualified applicants thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce, MBDA

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## **Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Conference**

The Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Conference scheduled for October 8-9 at the Maui County Business Center has been cancelled. New videos will be uploaded to their website at [www.HTFG.org](http://www.HTFG.org).

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## **8th Annual Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival**

**Friday, November 05, 2021 & Saturday, November 06, 2021**

Visit <https://www.madeinmauicountyfestival.com/> for more information

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## **Some UH ADSC Analyses Suspended Until Further Notice**

This includes S2 and T2 mineral analyses, which are analyses that growers typically ask for when submitting soil and leaf tissue samples. If you need to submit a soil or leaf tissue sample, please contact UH Hilo's Analytical Lab for the time being.

From ADSC:

"We apologize for the inconvenience. The ICP is no longer operational therefore the ADSC is not able to perform the analyses that are dependent on this equipment until further notice. For your convenience, the attached document (visit <https://bit.ly/3ts2Yk1>) notes the analyses highlighted in pink that are temporarily suspended. At the moment, the time to complete the repair of the ICP is not known.

If you have any questions, please let us know at (808)956-6706 or email Sharon or Darren."

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## **New Plant Industry administrator at Dept. of Ag**

HDOA is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Helmuth Rogg as administrator of the Plant Industry Division.

Here is a link to the news release: <https://bit.ly/3l8Bg8y>

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### **Kona Coffee Class Action Lawsuit**

Kona farmers who farmed and sold Kona coffee from February 27, 2015 - March 9, 2021 have until **September 25, 2021** to submit claims in connection with the \$13.1 million settlement fund. If you have not received a claim form in the mail, visit [KonaCoffeeSettlement.com](https://www.konacoffeesettlement.com) for the forms and more information.

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### **What's New on the RMA Website August 28 - September 3, 2021**

To view the full newsletter visit <https://bit.ly/3zRDv6g>  
In this issue:

- RMA Makes Improvements to Whole-Farm Revenue Protection - <https://bit.ly/3jT5hcl>
  - Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) Pilot Plan of Insurance Changes Effective for the 2022 and Succeeding Policy Years - <https://bit.ly/3DUGywP>
  - Whole-Farm Revenue Protection Pilot Policy - <https://bit.ly/3BQyKdO>
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### **Reports: Interest in Crop Insurance for Specialty and Organic Crops Grows as Options Expand**

The number of agricultural producers who purchase crop insurance for their specialty and organic crops continues to climb, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) attributes to its work with producers and agricultural groups in recent years to create new crop insurance options, to expand and improve current options and to support local food efforts.

To continue reading visit <https://bit.ly/38Lkq9Z>

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### **Whole Farm Revenue Insurance + CFAP 2 Deadline**

#### **Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2**

If you haven't already applied for CFAP 2 payments, the deadline is now October 12th. Macadamia nut farmers can receive payments from USDA due to the impact of the COVID pandemic. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3tkVEXH> or contact your local FSA office to apply.

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### **USDA Invests \$700 million in Grants to Provide Relief to Farm and Food Workers Impacted by COVID-19**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that \$700 million in competitive grant funding will be available through the new Farm and Food Workers Relief (FFWR) grant program to help farmworkers and meatpacking workers with pandemic-related health and safety costs. Additionally, to recognize the

essential role and costs borne by front-line grocery workers, \$20 million of this amount has been set aside for at least one pilot program to support grocery workers and test options for reaching them in the future. The new program is funded by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and is part of the USDA's Build Back Better efforts to respond and recover from the pandemic.

View the full announcement at <https://bit.ly/38Opl9W>

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### **September 2021 The Independent Voice Newsletter**

To view the full newsletter visit <https://bit.ly/3yMghNq>

In this issue:

- Kona Coffee Class Action Lawsuit
  - Video: Why Not to buy 10% Blends
  - USDA Funds for Organic Certification
  - CBB & CLR Pesticide Subsidies
  - 2021 Kona Coffee Cultural Festival
  - Coffe & Art Stroll - November 6
  - Sneakers from Coffee Waste
  - Coffee Brew Bags
  - Dru Kanuha Awarded
  - CoffeeTalk Magazine
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### **O'ahu RC&D September News & Updates**

To view O'ahu RC&D's newsletters visit <https://oahurcd.org/newsletters/>

In this issue:

- Why Regenerative Agriculture? - <https://bit.ly/3kZEKtP>
- Island Farm Tours Showcases Agritourism Opportunities in Hawai'i - <https://bit.ly/3l2xj51>
- Correction to August Newsletter
- News & Opportunities
  - Join the O'ahu RC&D Team! - <https://bit.ly/38Pfy3C>
  - Ko'olaupoko Watershed Community Meetings - <https://bit.ly/38Q1mal>
  - Seeds 4 Tomorrow's Fall Break Camp 2021 Looks to Explore Local Food Systems
    - Register a student - <https://bit.ly/3DRqFY9>
    - Register a Volunteer Team Leader - <https://bit.ly/3yR75Yi>
  - Farmer-Member Coordinator Position Available on Hawai'i Island - <https://bit.ly/3tonceP>
  - Seeds 4 Tomorrow's Monthly Garden Day & Volunteer Opportunity - <https://bit.ly/3l6QpqV>
- Access to Local Food & Produce - <https://bit.ly/3zTTtga>
- Updated O'ahu Soil Water Conservation District Meeting Schedule
  - West O'ahu SWCD Meeting

- September 28, 2021 - 12:30 pm
    - Zoom Meeting ID: 874 9040 1637
    - Passcode: 062958
  - Windward O'ahu SWCD Meeting
    - September 16, 2021 - 6:00 pm
    - Zoom Meeting ID: 918 2975 7190
    - Passcode: windward
  - South O'ahu SWCD Meeting – CANCELED
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