

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

Volume 6-1, June 2022

Dear Growers and Friends,

### **ADSC Announcement --- Soil and Plant Tissue Analyses Available Again**



Soil and plant tissue analyses are available effectively immediately. Please see the attached updated analyses and price list (<https://bit.ly/3MhFC8x>). Water and Nutrient Analyses/Feed and Forage will become available when the lab's full time position is filled.

### **Last Chance for 50% Back on Approved CBB & CLR Products**

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### **Who Needs Their Annual Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Training?**



I am organizing free WPS trainings and would like to better understand where to hold the sessions, in which languages (English and/or Spanish), and how much interest there is. If you need annual WPS training because you are a **farm owner, manager, farm employee, or farm contract worker who works in the field, handles, and/or applies (organic or non-organic) pesticides**, please fill out the sign-up form at [www.HawaiiCoffeeEd.com/WPSSignup](http://www.HawaiiCoffeeEd.com/WPSSignup)

-Andrea

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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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**UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Offices will be closed on the following days:**

Friday, June 10th, in observance of King Kamehameha Day

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### **2022 Maui AgFest & 4-H Livestock Fair**

War Memorial Special Events Field

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

9 am to 4:30 pm

All the signature events will be back, including the Maui Legacy Pancake Breakfast, Grand Taste, Keiki Zone, 4-H Livestock Show and Auction, Farmers' Market, Education Tent and food booths/food trucks.

The event is free, and parking is \$5 per car.

New this year is an easy registration system in order to reduce crowding in popular areas. Attendees can go online to [mauicountyfarmbureau.org](http://mauicountyfarmbureau.org) and schedule a time slot to visit the Keiki Zone and the 4-H Livestock Show. Simply show your registration to enter. As always, attendees can purchase tickets for the Legacy Pancake Breakfast and Grand Taste chefs' event; online sales start May 1.

For all other areas at AgFest, no need to register; they will be wide open to the public. Shop, eat, learn, shop, eat some more! These areas include:

- Farmers' market
- Education tents
- Tractor displays
- Food trucks & food booths
- Eating areas
- Restrooms

Vendors and sponsors are encouraged to join Maui AgFest 2022 by filling out an online application at [mauicountyfarmbureau.org](http://mauicountyfarmbureau.org). For the Grown on Maui Farmers' Market, only product grown on Maui is allowed. New this year is the Made in Maui market for vendors who are official Made in Maui members and including not only agricultural products like Maui Crisps beef jerky and Maui 'Ulu Hummus, but also jewelry, clothing and more.

It's everything you've come to expect from Maui AgFest, coming to you live and in-person on June 4, 2022: mark your calendars now!

-Maui County Farm Bureau

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### **Starting a Business in Hawai'i**

#### **Have you ever thought about owning your own business?**

How do you go about doing that . . .

- Deciding on a type of business entity?
- Setting up your business?
- Finding the money to start?
- Identifying your customers and marketing your product or services?
- Coming up with a business plan?
- Finding a system for keeping track of all that money you'll be making?

We can help you answer those concerns and identify the resources you'll need to help you move forward.

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022**

**10:00-11:30 AM**

**\$15**

On Line Webinar

Register Now - <https://bit.ly/3MYbujZ>

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**Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. - National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) & Free Training for your Farmworkers**

Learn about the National Farmworkers Job Program (NFJP) – <https://bit.ly/3wUzopu>

Learn about Free Training for your Farmworkers - <https://bit.ly/3PX45ml>

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**Healthy Soil, Healthy Orchard: from Planning to Practices - July 16**

Join Oahu RC&D, CTAHR, and host farm Island Harvest for a field day on Saturday, July 19th from 9:00am to 12:00pm in Kapa'au, Hawaii to engage with soil health planning in orchard systems. This on-farm workshop will share cover crop trials in an orchard system, followed by a demonstration of an AerWay Orchard Aerator and cover crop seeder. We will discuss soil health planning, practices, testing, and the opportunity for funding from NRCS programs for practice implementation. Lunch will be provided. Hawai'i's unique island landscapes and history of soil degradation through intensive crop production heighten the importance of rebuilding soil health. As organic matter and soil nutrients are depleted, farm operations require greater quantities of fertilizers and water to sustain production and experience increased risk of crop failure due to less climate-resilient soils.

To learn more or to register visit - <https://bit.ly/3PVvdT3>

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**Hawai'i Specialty Crop Grant Program Accepting Applications**

The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA), Market Development Branch is currently accepting applications for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) Fiscal Year 2021 – COVID. The HDOA will be awarding \$500,000 to Hawai'i proposals that enhance the competitiveness of Hawai'i specialty crops. This additional funding was provided by the U.S. Congress due to COVID-19 impacts to the food system. Under the program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) allocated funding to each state based on the value of the specialty crops produced in the state.

Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). Much of Hawai'i's diversified agriculture falls under this specialty crop designation. Eligible plants must be cultivated or managed and used by people for food, medicinal purposes, and/or aesthetic gratification to be considered specialty crops.

**Continue reading - <https://bit.ly/3maFcpS>**

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### **Western Sustainable Research & Education (WSARE) May News from Western SARE**

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

In this issue:

- Growing Mushrooms to Remediate Contaminated Soil
  - Funding Available
  - Recently Funded Projects
  - Welcome New AC Members
  - News Round-Up
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### **USDA Farm Production & Conservation Hawaii & Pacific Basin March Newsletter**

To view the full newsletter visit - <https://bit.ly/3x3vF9b>

In this issue:

- USDA Reminds Hawaii and Pacific Basin Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports
  - USDA and SCORE Joining Forces to Find Mentors
  - USDA Updates Farm Loan Programs to Increase Equity
  - Appointments No Longer Needed to Visit USDA Service Centers
  - NRCS PIA Invites Proposals for FY 22 Conservation Innovation Grants
  - Dates to Remember
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### **June 2022 The Independent Voice Newsletter**

To view the full newsletter visit - <https://bit.ly/3Q7Yr1t>

In this issue:

- Legislative Update - The Blend Labeling Bill
- How Politics Works in Hawaii
- Mental Health Team Surveys Hawaii Farmers & Ranchers
- Petition to Support Availability of County Mulch
- HCA Conference News & Cupping
- Guide to Wet Mill Processing
- Is Air Conditioning Necessary for Green Coffee Storage?

- HCA Inks Deal with Oritain to Address Counterfeiting
  - LAST CHANCE FOR 50% BACK ON CBB & CLR SPRAYS!!
  - Add Spices to Your Morning Coffee
  - Is Coffee Drinking Habitual?
  - More Health News for Coffee Drinkers
  - Birds & Bees Together Boost Coffee Production
  - Cocaine Found in Coffee Sent to Nespresso
  - Brush Your Teeth Before Drinking Your Coffee
  - Salute to Business Member - American AgCredit
  - Recipe: Kona Coffee Pulled Pork
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