

## **November 2016 – Events and Announcements**

Dear Growers and Friends,

UH CTahr Cooperative Extension Agents and staff gathered in Kona last week to host the 2016 NACAA Western Region Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (WR AM/PIC). NACAA, which stands for National Association of County Agricultural Agents, is the national organization for Extension Agents. Hawaii has its own organization called HACAA, or Hawaii Association of County Agricultural Agents.

During a WR AM/PIC, extension agents, specialists and researchers share their programs and applied research projects with fellow colleagues. More importantly, it provides an essential opportunity for networking and the building of collaborative partnerships between Western Region (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA and WY) faculty and other participants.

As part of this conference, I created a website, <http://www.wrampic2016.com/> to keep participants informed. I also created a HACAA members page (<http://www.wrampic2016.com/hacaa-members.html>) that included each HACAA member's photo, contact information and general description of their clientele in an effort to facilitate attendee introductions and communications. I would like to share this webpage with you so you can get to know some of CTahr's new and existing Extension Agents. While at this website, you will also be able to view the conference program, poster and oral presentation abstracts with presenter contact information, and other components of this year's WR AM/PIC.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our conference and farm tour sponsors and donors for their time, donations, and services provided. We greatly appreciate all of the generosity and support we received for this event! Mahalo from CTahr and HACAA!



-Andrea  
2016 NACAA WR AM/PIC Co-Chair

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

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Election Day,  
Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Veterans' Day, and  
Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Thanksgiving.**

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Visit <http://hawaiicoffee.weebly.com/events-and-announcements.html> for additional information on the following events, announcements and more.

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**Kona Coffee Cultural Festival - Kona**

Friday - Sunday, November 4 - 13, 2016

The Kona Coffee Cultural Festival celebrates the 46th anniversary of Hawaii's oldest food festival with 10 days of fan favorites and dynamic new events. This annual festival promotes and perpetuates the culture, heritage, artistry and rich history behind Kona's nearly 200-year-old world-famous brew.

To view the schedule of events, visit <http://konacoffeefest.com/>.

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**Keaukaha-Panaewa Farmer's Association - Hydroponic Classes - Hilo**

Starts November 12, 2016 (Six weeks, every Saturday)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Keaukaha-Panaewa Farmer's Association

Railroad Ave (across from Home Depot)

Hilo, Hawaii

FREE hydroponic classes in Hilo. You could be part of the next graduating class of Hydroponic enthusiasts!

Congratulations to the 49 outstanding and dedicated graduates who received an honorable "Basic Certificate in Family & Small Scale Commercial Hydroponic Vegetable Production" on June 11, 2016 at the KPFA farmer's market. The Keaukaha-Panaewa Farmer's Association hydroponic classes are conducted by Dr. William S. Sakai, professor at UH Hilo College of Agriculture, Forestry & Natural Resource Management. KPFA & Dr. Sakai will continue to host the hydroponic classes at no cost, FREE! for six weeks every Saturday starting Nov.12, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. @ the KPFA site located by Railroad Avenue across of Home Depot.

The public is invited to register for the upcoming classes on Saturday mornings, October 29 and November 5th at the KPFA Farmer's Market. At the registration you will be assisted by volunteers Russell Pakani and Florence Pua. We at KPFA want to gratefully acknowledge and thank Dr. Sakai's professional expertise and time dedicated to serving the community in teaching countless numbers of people to become self-sustaining through hydroponic production of safe food for our tables. Please join us in learning to become advocates of healthy eating and sustainable lifestyles. Furthermore, our mission is to strive and continue to work together as a growing community in gaining skills and knowledge which will contribute to a year round productive

harvest through hydroponic practices. You can also contact Howard Pea, President of Keaukaha-Panaewa Farmer's Association at 1-808-769-3989 for additional information. Mahalo.

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**Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers - Special Meeting - Kona**

Monday, November 14, 2016  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Office  
81-6393 Mamalahoa Hwy.  
Kealahou, HI 96750

The next meeting of the West Hawaii chapter of Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers will be held on Monday November 14 at the Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers office at 81-6393 Mamalahoa Hwy. The meeting is held from 7 to 9 and non-members are welcome to attend. Special guest Dr. Koji Uchino from Japan's Kagoshima Experiment Station will speak on unusual types of Japanese citrus and answer growers questions on producing high quality citrus in Hawaii.

For more information, contact Brian Lievens, President West Hawaii Chapter, by phone, 808-895-8753 or by email, [greenwizard@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:greenwizard@hawaii.rr.com)

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**USDA FSA - NAP 2017 Sign Up Reminder - Added Information**

Aloha Everyone!

Just a reminder, the deadline to sign up for 2017 NAP is December 1, 2016 for the following crops:

Fruits  
Vegetables  
Grass  
Honey

For those papaya, coffee and banana growers who did not get commercial insurance, you can now sign up for protection through NAP.

As a reminder, the NAP fee is waived for those who certify as socially disadvantaged (includes gender), limited resource or beginning farmer.

A "buy up" option is available for fruits, vegetables, and honey.  
Find out if you qualify.

Have a great day!

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### **Survey - Professional Development Needs in Mālama 'Āina Fields**

You are invited to participate in a **survey to better understand training needs in mālama 'āina (land and sea) based work in Hawai'i**. Your responses regarding your organizations' training needs, as well as your own, will **inform new and existing professional development programs at UH Mānoa**. Hui 'Āina Momona is a consortium of scholars across the University tasked with developing cross disciplinary and culturally grounded programs in natural and cultural resource management, food security, and sustainability. **Your responses will help to guide these and other programs across the University, which provide training and degrees to those working in communities, government, and the private sector, along with graduate students**. We are surveying people in natural resource management and environmental organizations, community groups, Hawaiian entities and government agencies.

The online survey takes **about twenty-five minutes** to complete. Questions are mainly multiple choice, though a few ask for an open ended response. The survey does not require any personal information such as your name or address, and **your responses will be kept anonymous**. **Please click on the link below to access the survey** and instructions for completing it. **Your responses will help to shape relevant and useful training to enhance capacity to care for, protect and guide decision making about natural resources throughout Hawai'i**. If you would like to receive a summary of survey results or to be contacted about programs developed in response to this survey, you can choose to provide your email at the end. **Please submit the survey by Friday, October 21, 2016**. Mahalo nui loa for taking the time to share your mana'o and contribute to this initiative.

**Please forward to other colleagues within or outside of your organization**

**& CC:** [hui.aina.momona@gmail.com](mailto:hui.aina.momona@gmail.com)

**For the survey, visit** <http://bit.ly/2flk9uR>.

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### **CTAHR Notes**

Go to <http://bit.ly/2f3lOu4> to check out CTAHR Notes: Issue 282 October 26, 2016.

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### **Oahu County, Cooperative Extension Service Online Update**

Post-Workshop Information

On October 4, 2016, Dr. Joe DeFrank held a workshop at the Kaneohe Extension Office on weed identification and weed recommendations based on priority needs identified by windward growers.

For those of you who missed the workshop, please find Dr. DeFrank's talk as a MPG-4 and PDF at <http://bit.ly/2eVWD9S>.

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## **HDOA News Release**

10/11/16 Here is a link to a news release on a mongoose captured on Kauai this morning:  
<http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/blog/main/nr-kauaimongoose/>

10/25/16 Here is a link to a news release on federal grants for Hawaii agriculture:  
<http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/blog/main/nr-scbgpgrants2016/>

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## **USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii & Pacific Basin Newsletter - October 2016**

For the newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2e62Xz6>. This issue includes the following articles:

- Agricultural Emergency Loans Are Now Available
- RTCP Deadline - November 4th
- December 1st – NAP Deadline
- USDA to Conduct On-Farm Labor Survey in Hawaii and U.S.
- Jason Shitanishi FSA's Employee of the Year
- USDA Reminds Producers of Nov. 1 ELAP Application Deadline
- USDA Packages Disaster Protection with Loans to Benefit Specialty Crop and Diversified Producers
- Dates to Remember

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## **Oahu RC&D - October Newsletter**

To view Oahu RC&D's October Newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2dWTYQB>.

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## **USDA NASS - News Release - On-Farm Labor Survey in Hawaii and U.S.**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is gearing up to conduct the Agricultural Labor Survey, which is conducted twice each year. The survey will collect information about hired labor from more than 477 Hawaii farmers and ranchers. Go to <http://bit.ly/2fp011j> to learn more.

All previous Farm Labor publications are available online at <http://bit.ly/FarmLabor>. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Pacific Regional Office at 1-800-851-1127.