

June 2017 – Events and Announcements

Dear Growers and Friends,

Congratulations to the Ka'u Coffee Festival!

Organizers and volunteers of the 2017 Ka'u Coffee Festival finished up last weekend with their largest Ho'olaule'a festival event to-date with over 70 booths and 4,500 attendees. Jen, Luis, Peter Follett (USDA) and myself are happy to be a part of the festival this year with an educational booth and flat bark beetle presentation and demo during the Coffee College on Sunday, which also boasted over 70 coffee growers and participants.

The Arrival of Summer

Warm, wet weather welcomes potential pests and diseases. Common summer pests may include thrips, mites, caterpillars, and other chewing insects, nematodes, [Cercospora](#), [Anthracnose](#), [Phytophthora](#) and other [root rots](#). Monitor your crop for early signs of pest and disease damage including curled leaves, silvery or bronzed leaves, missing portion of leaves or shoot tips, wilted new, vegetative growth, poop or frass, unusual yellowing, spotting or discoloration of leaves, holes or dieback, etc. Most damages to fruit and nuts cannot be undone, so catch them early to prevent further damage to the entire crop or tree. For some hints for sample submissions, go to <http://bit.ly/2rMoJNR>.

Rat-lungworm Disease

Slugs, snails and rodents are present in orchard systems. Control potential vectors rat-lungworm disease (RLWD) within and around your orchard and thoroughly wash all produce before consuming, especially when eaten or used raw. Find an online RLWD resources below:

- [CTAHR Farm Food Safety](#) - Rat-lungworm disease and on-farm food safety practices information via publications, videos, brochures and resources for snail and slug control. - <http://bit.ly/2ru1aZE>
- [Rodent Control Brochure](#) - General rodent control information - <http://bit.ly/2rue2z5>
 - If using rodenticides, avoid consumption by pets and children.
- [Rodent Control in and Around Packing Sheds](#) - Method of distributing rodent control systems. - <http://bit.ly/2swOb7Q>

When using any type of pesticide, including rodenticides and molluscicides, always read and follow the product label.

Away

I will be away from the office July 5th to 14th and July 19th to 22nd. If you have a farm emergency, please contact Dr. Alyssa Cho at [\(808\)969-8225](tel:8089698225) or acho@hawaii.edu or Sharon Motomura-Wages at [\(808\)969-8250](tel:8089698250) or smotomur@hawaii.edu. For tissue/soil, water, insect/nematode/disease samples, contact the Kona Extension Office at [\(808\)322-4892](tel:8083224892). If you send me an email or leave a message while I'm away and don't hear from me in a timely manner post July 22nd, please follow-up with me.

For those also traveling this summer, please be safe and have a great time!

-Andrea

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

Monday, June 12th, in observance of King Kamehameha I Day

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

HDOA - CBB Pesticide Subsidy Program

Apply NOW to receive 75% reimbursement on out of pocket costs for Botanigard® and Mycotrol® purchases made 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016. Applications & paperwork must be complete by 6/30/17.

Bring the following or drop in for info:

A Completed Application (or complete an online app)

Driver's License

TMK number(s)

Lease showing TMK, acres, length of lease, signatures

Original Receipts dated 7/1/15 through 6/30/16

GET # and Federal Tax ID or Social Security Number

Blank Invoice - if you have one

For this program - the HDOA CBB Pesticide Subsidy program - you can buy Botanigard® and Mycotrol® products at any commercial vendor. Please remember to save your original receipts. Applications will be available beginning in July to apply for 50% reimbursement on purchases made 7/1/16 through 6/30/17.

Questions? Contact:

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CBB Subsidy Program Coordinator

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82-6130 Mamalahoa Hwy, Room # 4, Captain Cook, HI 96704

Hawaii Island New Farmer Expo - Waimea

Saturday, June 17, 2017

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy - Gates Performing Arts Center

65-1692 Kohala Mountain Road

Waimea, HI 96743

The Hawai'i Island New Farmer Expo will bring together emerging and experienced farmers with non-profit, private, and government resource organizations. The Expo will provide participants with an understanding of the challenges and prospects of establishing a viable farm business on Hawai'i Island, including a pragmatic, step-by-step overview on how to get started.

Morning sessions offer panel discussions, Q&A with experienced farmers, and brief talks by island organizations on land acquisition, financing, training programs, crop choice, production methods, business planning, risk management, value-added products, branding, and marketing. Afternoon sessions include films, information booths, one-on-one sessions, and workshops.

This event is open to the public. Those who are serious about pursuing farm careers on Hawai'i Island are encouraged to attend. Admission is \$25 and includes access to all events, a light breakfast, coffee service, and lunch catered by Red Water Café. Advance registration required by June 13, 2017. For information or to register, visit farmerexpo.eventbrite.com or contact The Kohala Center at 808-887-6411.

Hands-On Chocolate-Making Workshop for Commercial Growers – Hilo – June 23rd (flyer included)

Local Economies Festival – Pahala, Ka‘u

June 24, 2017

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

96-2384 Wood Valley Road

Pahala, Hawaii

Live music, local vendor and workshops

Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association’s Annual Conference – Hilo

Sat, July 8, 2017

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Nani Mau Gardens

421 Makalika Street

Hilo, HI 96720

Register here: <http://bit.ly/2rHJE4N>

Hawaii Coffee Association’s Annual Conference and Seed to Cup Festival – Maui

July 19 - 22, 2017

Maui Tropical Plantations

1670 Honoapiilani Hwy

Wailuku, HI 96793

Register at <http://www.hawaiicoffeeassoc.org/>

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Grower's Annual Conference – Hilo

September 22nd to 29th, 2017

Kaikodo Building

60 Keawe St

Hilo, HI 96720

- Early-bird registration ends on August 1st
 - Register at: <http://www.hawaiitropicalfruitgrowers.org/>
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Jr. Extension Agent for Coffee Berry Borer - Luis Aristizabal

UH CTAHR is happy to announce that Mr. Luis Arstizabal has joined the University as a Junior Extension Agent for Coffee Berry Borer. His position entails providing outreach and education to Hawaii's coffee industry and to assist coffee growers with CBB management.

Please help us to welcome Luis. If you have questions about CBB or its control, please contact Luis at:

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USDA NASS - Interviews Farmers and Ranchers in Hawaii to Prepare for 2017 Census of Agriculture

The Census of Agriculture is coming in December and to prepare, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will visit Hawaii farm and ranch properties now through the end of June. The agency will conduct an area survey across Hawaii to determine crop acreage and livestock inventories for 2017 to make sure every farm is counted for the Census of Agriculture later this year. Please read the news release for more information at <http://bit.ly/2rkFJdN>.

Articles - EPA Reopens Comment Period for Pyrethroid Insecticides

Here are two articles about EPA reopening the comment period of pyrethroids:

Ag Web - EPA Reopens Comment Period for Pyrethroids - <http://bit.ly/2sbitgm>

Iowa Farm Bureau - EPA Reopens Comment Period for Pyrethroid Insecticides - <http://bit.ly/2rkFqzF>

Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association Newsletter - May

To view the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association - May Newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2qynqyy>.

This issue includes:

- Register Now for Annual Meeting - held on July 8th, Hilo
- Tissue and Soil Testing
- 2017 International Research Symposium coming to Hawaii - September 12-15th, Big Island

Hawaii Coffee Association - May Newsletter

For the Hawaii Coffee Association Newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2rkTHfM>. This month's issue includes:

- Registration is open for the HCA 21st Annual Conference, 9th Annual State of Hawaii Cupping Contest and Maui Seed to Cup Coffee Festival - July 19 – 22th
- 2017 Specialty Coffee Association Global Expo
- Ka'u Coffee Festival
- Q Grader Training and Exam - Honolulu
- Did you know...

Kona Coffee Farmers Association - The Independent Voice - May 2017 Newsletter

To view the newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2sjrD9E>. In this issue:

- Vertical Selection Workshop, May 13th
- Made in Hawaii – Really?
- 10th Annual EXPO
- Report from the SCAA Show
- Time to Fertilize
- Coffee for the Troops

- Salute to Supporting Business Member: Hawaiian Soil Therapeutics
- Recipe: Coffee Sauce for Ice Cream

Kona SWCD Spring 2017 Newsletter

Kona Soil and Water Conservation District – Spring Newsletter. In this issue:

- Cooperator of the Year
- Rapid Ohia Death Symposium
- Wildlife Wonders
- History's Corner
- Soil Facts: Soil Taxonomy, a Classification System
- Organic Producers May Apply for Certification Costs Financial Assistance - Become a Volunteer

To read the newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2qyKGwz>

CTAHR - Hanai'Ai - SOAP (Sustainable and Organic Agriculture Program) Newsletter

To view Volume 29: March, April, May 2017, go to <http://conta.cc/2qDeZBj>.

In this issue:

- Research & Outreach News
 - Drop Spreader Calibration
 - Improving Seedling Quality with Locally-Made Liquid Nutrient Solution
 - Exploring the Genetic Diversity of Hawaiian Sweet Potato
 - GoFarm Hawai'i: Farmers' Perspective
- Publications and Programs
- Agribusiness Incubator
- Organic Update
- FMI/FYI
- WSARE
- Featured Farmer: Ross Sibucao, Farm Boy Hawai'i, Hilo, Hawai'i
- Hot Tips from Farm Boy Hawai'i

CTAHR Notes

CTAHR Notes, Issue 311, May 11, 2017, <http://bit.ly/2rSh2Gp>

In this issue:

- Rat Lungworm
- Get in Business...Ag Business!
- CBB on the Web
- Flower and Water
- and more...

Molokai Homestead Gardening Newsletter - Summer/Spring 2017

Aloha and Welcome to the Spring/Summer edition of the Molokai Homestead Gardening Newsletter.

To view the newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2rBFrAe>.

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RightRisk News Release - May 2017

Machinery and equipment is often one of the largest expense categories for a farm or ranch operation. Many producers do not know their machinery and equipment cost for a given activity. The Machine Risk Calculator (MRC) from RightRisk.org can help producers estimate rates for custom filed operations and individual machinery costs. The tool will also estimate the risk sensitivity of those costs to changes in various factors. The MRC uses a comprehensive list of related expenses to calculate an overall cost, including expected life (years), repairs, depreciation, housing, insurance, taxes, and annual use (hours). To view the news release, <http://bit.ly/2sbmnG4>.

Coffee & Cocoa International - Newsletter - Issue 73

For the newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2r8zzwR>. This issue includes the following topics:

- Coffee Suffers Downward Correction as Funds Respond to Positive Outlook
 - Icco Inaugurates Abidjan Headquarters
 - 'Rust Resistant' Variety in Honduras Succumbs to Fungus
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P&A Coffee Newsletter - Confidential

To view the newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2sb9lIJ>.

In this issue:

- New Coffee Variety Resistant to Drought
- A "Good Fungus" that Enhances Coffee Quality
- Amazon "Rainforest Coffee" Protects Environment and Grants Income to Small Growers
- Increased Interest in Brazilian Specialty Coffees in China
- Pinhalense Highlights New Technologies During Agrishow
- Outlook: A Brave New Processing World: Pulping Unripe Cherries, Fermenting Ripe Cherries and More
- Machine Of The Month: Pinhalense Awarded Prize For Best New Product At Sca's Global Expo 2017 (Page 4)