

## August 2017 – Events and Announcements

Dear Growers and Friends,

### Hawaii Coffee Association Conference and Maui Seed to Cup Festival

Congratulations to all winners of this year's Hawaii Coffee Association's Coffee Cupping Competition! The results have been posted at <http://www.hawaiicoffeeassoc.org/>. Posting of the conference presentations will follow.

Also, a big mahalo and congratulations goes out to the HCA and Maui Seed to Cup Festival organizers, its volunteers, O'o Farms, and all presenters, exhibitors, donors and sponsors for hosting and supporting these great events at the Maui Tropical Plantation! I had an amazing time and look forward to next year's conference and festival!

### Be Prepared! Hawaii's Hurricane Season runs from June to November.

Here are a few tips for being prepared and what you can do if damage occurs to your farm.

#### **Stay informed and updated:**

Central Pacific Hurricane Center: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/cphc/>

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency: <http://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/>

#### **Take precautions to minimize farm, home and property damage:**

Discuss emergency preparedness actions with friends, family and employees, for human safety as well as the welfare of pets and animals. Make a list of family and employee contact information that includes both cell numbers and land line numbers in the event of long-term power outages. Establish a means to communicate with your employees and let them know what you expect of them after a storm.

Officials recommend a 14-day emergency supply, including at least 1 gallon of potable water per person per day and enough to share with your feather and fur-babies.

Clean up your property of items that could become missiles, causing damage during strong winds. If possible, remove tarps from tents and plastic/shade cloths from hoop houses and greenhouse structures, prior to a hurricane making landfall, or when it's windy enough to cause structures to "liftoff". Secure doors, windows, and large equipment and machinery.

Know where your irrigation valves as well as gas and electric mains (if any) are located. And know how to shut them off in an emergency. Stock up on gas for generators and other needed equipment.

If your home, farm and/or structures sustain damages from high winds and/or rain, contact your home and crop insurance agents immediately.

**\*\*\*BEFORE YOU BEGIN CLEAN UP**, document all damages with (clear and focused) photos and/or video. Review your inventory and take note of anything damaged or missing.

If you would like information about crop insurance, visit: <http://bit.ly/2eVzuc5>. Click on "List of Crops That Can Be Insured" on the left side of the page or scroll down until you see photos of fruit and nut trees. There you can click on factsheets for Hawaii's insurable crops.

#### New Videos - 30 Trees Sampling Method for CBB Monitoring

Check out our new 30 Trees Sampling Videos on Youtube! - <http://bit.ly/2ue5muA>

- Part 1 – Sampling in the field
- Part 2 – Dissections of berries and decision making

**New Publications:**

Tropical Fruit Tree Propagation Guide - <http://bit.ly/2uScdvH>

Recomendaciones para el manejo integrado de plaga de la broca del café en Hawái 2016 - <http://bit.ly/2tIA3IO>

-Andrea

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

Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Statehood Day

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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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**2017 Hawaii Ag Conference - Oahu**

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 - Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Hawaii Convention Center

1801 Kalakaua Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96815

*AG 2017 - Our World is Changing. You Can Shape Its Future.*

If Hawaii households spent just \$65 a month on locally grown fruits and vegetables, it would generate over \$300 million for our island economy. The increased demand would create hundreds of new jobs, put more of Hawaii's ag lands into production, and create a healthier, more self-sufficient State. Getting there won't be easy, and it can't happen unless more people take action and participate.

Register today at <http://bit.ly/2tKgbFw> and learn how to make a difference. **View the Conference Schedule to preview the events, session titles, speakers and timing for the two days.**

**General Registration, \$250 (until July 15), then \$300** includes all sessions, AGxChange (exhibits & posters), Pau Hana Farm to Table tasting, concession coupons for refreshments & lunch.

The conference will also be hosting a **Grower Buyer Meet-Up**. To learn more about this session, go to <http://bit.ly/2h9p8X6>. Pre-register for this session in the registration process.

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**Position Announcements - Big Island, Hawaii**

The Big Island vacancy announcements listed below are available for viewing via the OHR Home Page. The deadline to apply for these positions is 8/7/2017.

- #14168 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TECHNICIAN III, SR-11 ,BU-03 - WAIAKEA, HAWAII
- #44868 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TECHNICIAN III, SR-11,BU-03 - KAMUELA, HAWAII

The Web page address is:

<http://www.pers.hawaii.edu/wuhcs/>

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## **CTAHR - Pesticide Risk Reduction Education Short Course - Hilo**

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 24-25, 2017

8:15 am - 4:00 pm

Hilo, HI

Registration deadline: September 24, 2017

Registration fee: \$100 per person

Study packet fee: \$35 (if you need one)

This in-depth two-day short course is about handling pesticides (including herbicides) in ways that will reduce risks to people and our environment. The instructor is from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Cooperative Extension program.

Please refer inquiries to Charles Nagamine at 808-956-6007 or [cynagami@hawaii.edu](mailto:cynagami@hawaii.edu). For more information, visit <http://pestworld.stjohn.hawaii.edu/pat/schedule.html>.

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## **UH CTAHR Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center - Delayed Sample Results**

Dear Growers,

Please see below from Sharon Yee of UH CTAHR's Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center.

### **Results of samples submitted to UH CTAHR's Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center may be delayed.**

The ADSC soil technician will be on vacation from Thursday, July 27 to Tuesday August 8. Samples can still be submitted; however, they will not be analyzed until she returns.

In addition, the LECO Equipment is temporarily out of service. The following analyses cannot be completed until the equipment is fixed by the manufacturer:

- Nitrogen
- Total Carbon
- Crude Protein

ADSC apologizes for the inconvenience and delay. If there are any questions, please contact ADSC at [808-956-6706](tel:808-956-6706) or [adsc@cthar.hawaii.edu](mailto:adsc@cthar.hawaii.edu). -Andrea

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## **County of Hawaii Research and Development - Little Fire Ant Impact Survey**

County of Hawaii Research and Development would like to assess the economic and social impact of Little Fire Ants (LFA) (*Wasmannia auropunctata*) in Hawaii County. As a producer, the County is concerned about the impact that LFA may have on your cost to do business and the health and welfare of your employees, your family and yourself.

To complete the survey, go to <http://bit.ly/2v7qJSt>

Survey will close on August 17, 2017. The survey results will be confidential and you may be contacted for follow up questions based on responses.

If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Sako at (808) 961-8811.

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## **HDOA CBB Pesticide Subsidy Program**

Aloha Coffee Growers,

The HDOA CBB Pesticide Subsidy Program **application is now available** to apply for reimbursement on purchases of BotaniGard/Mycotrol made from **7/1/16 through 6/30/17**. Reimbursement is 50% for purchases made during this time period, up to \$600 per acre and up to \$9000 per farm. Applications will be accepted for an entire year, through June 29, 2018.

To apply:

Complete the application and then we'll schedule a time to meet.

Bring these required documents to the appointment:

- **Original** receipts for BotaniGard/Mycotrol purchases (not copies)
- Driver's License or State issued ID
- State of Hawaii General Excise Tax number
- Social Security number or Federal Tax ID
- A copy of your land lease *if* your name is not listed as an owner on the TMK information provided by the County
- You *may* bring an invoice (blank) for your farm or business, if you prefer, or one will be provided for you (to provide your remittance information to the County of Hawaii)

A printable pdf of the application is attached. You may want to print it for reference to the questions, or you may use it to complete the application on paper (processing time takes longer if application is paper rather than online). It takes about 25 minutes to complete. You will need your contact information, TMK(s), CBB management strategies and other information on how you manage CBB on your farm. Here is the link to the online application:

<http://bit.ly/2tqmKR7>

Please call or email with any questions. I look forward to working with you,

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CBB Subsidy Program Coordinator  
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## **USDA FSA - USDA Announces Signup for the 2017 Reimbursement Transportation Program**

### ***Program Helps Offset Cost for Farmers and Ranchers OUTSIDE the CONTIGUOUS U.S.***

The Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program (RTCP) for fiscal year 2017 began on July 17, 2017, and will end on September 8, 2017. This program helps U.S. farmers and ranchers outside the 48 contiguous states who are at a competitive disadvantage when transporting agriculture products to market.

The 2014 Farm Bill reauthorized RTCP, which offsets a portion of the costs of transporting agricultural products over long distances. The program allows **farmers and ranchers in HAWAII** and other locations to recover any transportation costs. RTCP payments are calculated based on the costs incurred for transportation of the agricultural commodity or inputs during a fiscal year, subject to an **\$8,000 per producer cap per fiscal year**. In the event that claims for payments exceed the funds available from the program for a fiscal year, payments will be reduced on a pro-rata basis.

For more information on RTCP, farmers and ranchers in the eligible areas can visit their administrative FSA county office or the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport). Contact your local service center: <http://bit.ly/2uGU5GD>

Kealakekua Service Center

81-948 WAENA OIHANA LP.  
KEALAKEKUA, HI 96750

(808) 322-2484  
(808) 322-3735 fax

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**NRCS - Program Sign Up Deadline for EQIP/AMA - October 20, 2017**

Receive financial and technical assistance to install conservation practices that reduce soil erosion and sedimentation, improve grazing lands, improve water and air quality, create wildlife habitat, improve forest health and more.

Pacific Islands agricultural producers and forestry managers who want to address natural resources and increase environmental benefits are encouraged to sign up for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or the Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA) through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Travis Thomason, PIA NRCS Director, announced that **October 20, 2017** will be the application deadline in PIA. "Producers can sign up for Farm Bill Programs at any time throughout the year, but to compete for the upcoming funding period, I encourage producers with resource concerns to submit an application by the application deadline," Thomason explains.

Many applicants have shown interest in funding to address soil erosion and water quality issues on cropland. However, there are also funding for addressing issues on grazing land operations, confined livestock operations, organic producers, and wildlife habitat improvements, just to name a few.

Producers interested in EQIP or AMA should submit a signed application to the local NRCS field office or submit it electronically through the Conservation Client Gateway ([www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/cgate/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/cgate/)). Applications submitted by October 20, 2017 will be evaluated by NRCS staff for funding.

Contact your nearest NRCS office for additional information and eligibility requirements or visit [www.PIA.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.PIA.nrcs.usda.gov).

Kealakekua Phone No.: (808) 322-2484 Ext. 100

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**USDA FSA - Beware of SCAM Calls or Emails**

Aloha!

This is a reminder that SCAM emails and phone calls are happening. In this case, farmers and ranchers are receiving emails about applying for or updating SAM registration. The SCAM is the caller wants you to pay a fee. First and most important, there is **no charge** to obtain a DUNS number or Registration with SAM. FSA programs here on the Big Island does not require a SAM registration. NRCS programs does.

This is how the subject line of the SCAM email going around. The bad part is the email has your name and email address in the message to make it look real.

**Subject: Fwd: Please Call - Re: "Your Name" Federal SAM Registration Status**

For more information about this warning and about DUNS or SAM, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2vfwkqK>

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**hawaiicoffee.weebly.com Wins a National Award!**

<http://hawaiicoffee.weebly.com> won national honors for the Web Site Communications Award category at the 2017 National Association for County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah!!! Thank you, Jen Burt, for helping me to keep the events and announcements page going and to all who

have helped me to create content for the site. Mahalo to our funding agencies, UH CTAHR and USDA and to those, especially Hawaii's growers, who visit the site. I hope it's been helpful to your operations and farms.

-Andrea

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### **HDOA - CTAHR - Coffee Pests and Diseases ID Card**

Gabe LeMay, HDOA/CTAHR technician, has put together a coffee pest and disease ID card. It has information and photos of insects and diseases that are found in Hawaii as well as not found as of yet. Check it out! - <http://bit.ly/2vZKqd7>

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### **Article – Reuters - Berry borer beetle damages Brazil's coffee crop**

NEW YORK/SAO PAULO (Reuters) - Coffee growers in parts of Brazil are grappling with the worst beetle infestation in recent memory as a ban on a pesticide used for 40 years has helped the destructive insect flourish, threatening bean quality and yields.

The damage from the beetle - until 2013 controlled by the pesticide endosulfan - is compounding a smaller biennial production year for Brazil's producers, who are already struggling with the impact of poor weather in some areas as well as plant fatigue after a big harvest. The government expected the annual crop to be down 11 percent on the year even before the beetle problem emerged.

The incidence of the beetle, known as "broca," has surged in an area that grows roughly 40 percent of Brazil's crop, with estimated damage to green coffee ranging from 5 percent to 30 percent after females burrowed into beans to lay their eggs.

Read more at <http://reut.rs/2tKk3WP>.

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### **CTAHR Notes**

Issue 318, June 28, 2017, <http://bit.ly/2eTWNmY>

In this issue:

- Lungworm Prevention on Lana'i
- Chocolate Love
- Let it Rain
- Endangered Species Act in Danger
- and more...

Issue 322, July 19, 2017: <http://bit.ly/2tQGApE>

In this issue:

- Virtual Coffee
- Keep it in the Ground
- Sustaining Puna
- Hot Tomatoes
- and more...

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### **KCFA - The Independent Voice - July 2017 Newsletter**

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

- Governor Ige Signs HDOA Subsidy Bill
- Chemistry of Coffee Roasting – Part 2
- Help for Honduran Farm Workers
- NYT Articles on Benefits of Drinking Coffee
- Seats Available for Korea Trade Mission
- Kona Road Construction in 1897
- Preserving your Farm for the Future
- Salute to Supporting Business Member: Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union
- Recipe: Mocha Coffee Cake with Coffee Glaze

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### **HDOA News Release**

Here is a link to a news release on coffee-growing kits that have been pulled from store shelves: <http://bit.ly/2eUT88i>

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### **Coffee & Cocoa International - Newsletter**

Issue 80 - For the newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2u69613>. This issue includes the following topics:

- USDA Puts 2017/18 Production at 159 Million Bags
- Cocoa and Forests Initiative Holds First Roundtables
- CAFOD Dismayed by Sainsbury's Move Away from Fairtrade

Issue 82 - For the newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2h9XusY>. This issue includes the following topics:

- Fair Trade 'Not Cutting It' Claims Jeffrey Sachs
  - Spending Cuts Likely in Côte d'Ivoire as Cocoa Price Hits Record Low
  - Call for Specialty Roasters and Retailers to Participate in Benchmarking Study
  - Coffee Reduces Risk of Dying from Stroke and Heart Disease, Studies Find
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### **P&A Coffee Newsletter - Confidential**

For the newsletter, go to <http://bit.ly/2veO4CN>. In this issue:

- Funcafé's Expansion Proposed to Renovate Coffee Areas
- First Coffee Shop Run by Down-Syndrome Employees Opened in Brazil
- Brazil Advancing Towards Sustainability
- Geographical Indication to Boost Sales of Specialty Coffees
- Outlook: Feasibility of Coffee Production Requires Sustainability as Asset and Not Liability (Page 3)
- Machine of the Month: Machines of the Decade (Page 4)