

November 2017 – Events and Announcements

Dear Growers and Friends,

Farming has never been easy, but there are folks in our community who work immensely hard to support Hawaii's growers and producers, including other farmers. Unfortunately, there are also people who make growing and selling crops even more difficult by unlawfully entering farmers' property, stealing produce, and vandalizing trees. These were experiences shared by attendees at last Friday's community meeting about agricultural theft.

My gratitude goes out to all participants and especially to Ken Love, for assembling this event. Mahalo Senator Mike Gabbard, Representative Richard Creagan, prosecuting attorney Mitch Roth, investigator Shane Muramaru, and community police officers, Kui Dela Cruz and Reuben Pukahi, for contributing to the presentations, conversations, and for providing support to Hawaii's producers.

Below is a summary from the meeting on preventing and reporting ag theft, vandalism, and trespassing on your farm and property.

1. Ag theft is not just a farmer, police and political matter. It is a **community matter**. It takes community and farmers working together, to protect produce and property, and to deter, prosecute, and educate offenders.
 - a. **Active involvement and communication** within your community and neighborhood can help to increase awareness of happenings in and around your property. Be a part of it.
2. **Make it difficult** for a thief or trespasser to enter and steal from your property.
 - a. Contact a local community police officer for suggestions and steps you can take to secure your property.
 - b. Implement deterrents such as fencing and signage.
3. **Make it easier** for an investigator and police officer to make an arrest.
 - a. The more information you can provide, the easier it is for law enforcement to make an arrest – name/contact information or description of suspect/s; color, make, model of vehicle; name of vendor or business buying stolen goods; any other information that officers or investigators can use to follow-up on a case.
 - b. Set-up security cameras, no-glow infrared flash trail cameras or similar that upload photos and videos to the cloud.
 - c. If possible, don't remain anonymous when reporting a theft or potential theft. Talking to the responding officer may help to provide additional information pertinent to catching the perpetrator. Your information is kept confidential by the police, unless you are involved in an incident.
4. **Establish a paper trail**.
 - a. If you are a seller or transport agricultural commodities weighing more than 25 lbs. or the value is \$100 or more, an **ownership and movement certificate is required**.
 - b. If you are a buyer of agricultural commodities, **know your seller**. Verify the seller's ID and if the commodity is valued at \$300 or more, the seller must provide you with a copy of a government issued ID or license.
 - c. **Provide a receipt for all transactions**.
5. Ag theft can be prosecuted as a **Class C felony**.
 - a. A violation in which the ag commodity value exceeds \$100 or 25 lbs. – Class C Felony
 - b. A violation in which the ag commodity value is less than \$100 or 25 lbs. - Misdemeanor
 - c. Know the laws that protect you.

Visit <https://hawaiicoffee.weebly.com/agricultural-theft.html> or <http://bit.ly/2iiREm6> for meeting handouts and additional information related to agricultural theft, as well as ownership and the dealing and transport of agricultural commodities. If we receive a checklist of ways to deter farm theft and the PowerPoint that was presented, it will be posted at the HTFG and hawaiicoffee.weebly.com website.

The Oct. 27, 2017 agricultural theft community meeting was sponsored by UH CTAHR, the Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers, Hawaii Organic Farmers Association, Hawaii Farmers Union United - Kona Chapter, and County of Hawaii

Prosecuting Attorney. Thank you to these supporters and Yvonne Hanato-Wells for the delicious ulu and butter mochi dessert!

-Andrea

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

Kona Coffee Cultural Festival

Friday-Sunday, November 3-12, 2017
Kona, Hawaii

Throughout the 10-day Festival, celebrate the harvest as Kona coffee farms offer a firsthand look at growing this world-famous crop, the coffee art scene fills with inspiration, and music and dance enrich cultural exchanges. Kona coffee and food events offer tastings, and hands-on cultural events help tell the story of Kona's rich coffee history.

For more information about the festival and schedule of events, visit the website: <http://konacoffeefest.com/>

USDA FSA - Reminder - For RTCP Participants

Just a reminder, your expense documentation is due by November 3, 2017, close of business.

Please also remember to itemize your documentation on a separate sheet of paper. This helps us determine how much you are claiming for each separate receipt or invoice. Thanks Everyone!

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HDOA - Hawaii Beekeeper Survey

The Hawaii Apiary Program Team wants to hear from you! They just launched a Hawaii Beekeeper Survey that seeks YOUR feedback about their program so that they can understand how to better serve you.

Participation in this survey can directly impact the Apiary Program's direction. It is 13 questions long with an option for short answer remarks and takes about 5-10 minutes to complete.

Any beekeeper, big or small, registered or unregistered, commercial or hobbyist, is encouraged to take this brief survey and contribute your opinions and comments anonymously.

This survey will be LIVE from October 3 to November 3, 2017. Please follow this link to participate: <http://bit.ly/2z2nMTg>

EPA Requesting Comments on Oxamyl (Vydate)

Please see Cathy Tarutani's email below requesting information from growers who use Oxamyl (Vydate). Deadline for comments: Tuesday, November 7.

Greetings all,

EPA has announced the next steps in the registration review of oxamyl.

At this time EPA is accepting comments on:

1. The draft human health risk assessment (RA) and;
2. The preliminary ecological RA.

It is possible that EPA's registration review decision for oxamyl will include mitigation measures (eg., lower rates of application, fewer applications per year, longer restricted entry intervals [REIs]). The preliminary ecological RA concludes that currently labeled rates of oxamyl pose a potential for adverse effects, (i.e., risk) to terrestrial animals (birds, mammals, terrestrial-phase amphibians, reptiles and bees) and to aquatic invertebrates. Of particular concern is risk of mortality to these animals.

The draft human health RA found "exposure estimates above the level of concern for children following consumption of an estimated single serving . . . for one cucumber, one bell pepper and three summer squash samples." The draft human health RA also found some occupational post-application exposure and risk estimates did not reach acceptable levels until up to 7 days after application. These findings could result in longer REIs for some crops (refer to pages 37-42 in the Draft Human Health risk assessment, Oxamyl Draft Human Health Risk RA_CT_EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0028-0027.pdf).

EPA is recommending that labels be revised to prohibit the harvesting of the tops of root and tuberous corm vegetables—including sweet potatoes. EPA is also recommended revising the tolerances for oxamyl. These revisions include lowering the tolerances for tuberous and corm vegetables subgroup—including sweet potatoes.

Copies of the draft human health and preliminary ecological RAs are below. The highlights are mine.

EPA is seeking information to refine the RAs. To provide information on actual vydate use, please use the attached list of questions. There is a LOT of information requested. We will not be able to provide all the information, but please answer as many questions as you can.

Comments are welcome on any aspect of the RAs or the registration review of oxamyl.

For more information about the registration review of oxamyl, Go to: <http://bit.ly/2A39xgW>

You are welcome to submit comments directly at [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Comments must be received no later than 11: 59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on November 13, 2017. Go to <http://bit.ly/2A39xgW> If any comments are submitted directly to Regulations.gov, I would appreciate a copy or notification that comments were submitted.

If you think any other stakeholders should receive this message, please send me their contact information and I will be happy to send them a copy. You are also welcome to forward this message. If you have any questions or concerns about the registration review of oxamyl, please contact me.

Mahalo,
Cathy

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List of Questions Oxamyl Use: <http://bit.ly/2ykdv7y>
Draft of Human Health Risk Assessment: <http://bit.ly/2z21vao>
Preliminary Ecological Risk Assessment: <http://bit.ly/2hs2HtD>

USDA NASS - 2017 Census of Agriculture

NASS is only a few weeks from mailing the 2017 Census of Agriculture to approximately 3 million U.S. producers (mailing runs from mid-November through late December)!

NASS surveys and questionnaires directly impacts you, your community, and industry. Even if you don't use the results yourself or take advantage of USDA or other ag programs and services that rely on the data, everyone is affected by rural development (e.g. the paving of roads, internet access, veteran health clinic and agribusiness set-up), disaster relief (census data can used to determine how much and what kind of aid may be needed in affected areas), etc.

Beyond being used by policymakers, the data also justifies research and the development of new technologies. Census data are also used to determine where there should be ag education in schools and to simply promote the importance of agriculture among non-agricultural neighbors.

Check out these three testimonial videos with people in the agricultural industry talking about:

- How you use NASS data: <https://youtu.be/m-4zjnh26io>
 - Why you use NASS data: <https://youtu.be/i6fymSh7bH8>
 - and Why respond to NASS surveys: <https://youtu.be/X8i20WZH5ql>
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HDOA News Release

- 1) Here is a link to a news release regarding federal funding for agricultural projects: <http://bit.ly/2z8Z1a7>
 - 2) Here is a link to a news release on a new series of public service announcements promoting good agricultural practices and food safety from the farm to the table: <http://bit.ly/2h0P8Vd>
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USDA FSA - News Release

USDA Processing Pending Conservation Reserve Program Continuous Enrollment Offers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6, 2017 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced today that it will process many pending eligible offers for land enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and it will temporarily suspend accepting most new offers until later in the 2018 fiscal year. To read the news release, go to: <http://bit.ly/2z9oeRt>

CTAHR Notes

Issue 333, October 4, 2017: <http://bit.ly/2iCoTWr>

- Bad News from the ROD Squad
- Cowpeas—Not Just for Cows!
- Extending Knowledge and Plants

Issue 334, October 11, 2017: <http://bit.ly/2iQ7sRo>

- Get Close to an Ulu
- Welcome Insects
- Extending CBB Support
- and more...

Molokai Beginning Farmers Quarterly Newsletter - Autumn 2017

Aloha from Molokai,

The Molokai Beginning Farmers Quarterly Newsletter for Autumn 2017 (<http://bit.ly/2ijRWcA>) focuses Lean Technology developed by Toyota to produce cars, and adapted to farming. This quarterly is gleaned from a presentation at the State Agricultural Conference a few months ago by Ben Hartman, who farms on an acre of land in Indiana. His book, The Lean Farm details these concepts that all of us should understand and adapt to our island farms. Enjoy, and please share this newsletter with others.

For back issues of this newsletter, please visit the CTAHR Sustainable and Organic Agriculture website, Hanai Ai at: <https://cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu/soap/Resources/MolokaiBeginningFarmersNewsletter.aspx>

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HDOA - Hawaii Apiary Program's Hawaii Bee Newsletter

Volume 6, Issue 2: <http://bit.ly/2z4j8GO>

In this issue:

- Please take our Hawai`i Beekeeper Survey!
- Buzzzzz-worthy fall news
- Hawaii's first AZ Slovenian bee hives
- Integrated Pest Management for Honey Bee Colonies

P&A Coffee Newsletter - Confidential

To view the newsletter, visit: <http://bit.ly/2zUpfu8>

In this issue:

- Climate Creates Uncertainty For Next Brazilian Crop
- Coffee Trees Resistant To Drought Are More Sensitive To Cold Weather
- Brazilian Coffee Consumption May Increase Up To 3.5%
- Coffee Irrigation Prohibited In Espírito Santo State
- **Outlook:** Revisiting Climate Change In Brazil (Page 3)
- **Machine Of The Month:** Driers For Washed And Natural Coffees, Pulped Naturals/Honeys, And Washed Over-Ripe And Unripe Cherries (Page 4)