

February 2018 – Events and Announcements

Dear Growers and Friends,

Please help me in welcoming Eli Isele to the Cooperative Extension family at UH CTAHR in Hawaii County. He is a new Assistant Extension Agent in Hilo. His position focuses on sustainable agriculture, soil health and organic farming of edible crops. Eli is also responsible for the East Hawaii Master Gardener Program. If you have questions for Eli or related to his area of responsibilities, you may contact him at:



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Coffee flowering:

Be sure to notate your first and major coffee flowerings on a calendar, and also write notes at 30, 60 and 90 days after these flowerings to monitor CBB activity and CBB positioning in your berries. **Begin controlling and spraying for CBB early in the season.** Spraying should take place within 90 days from your first major flowering. Remember that CBB can easily drill into the bean once the bean hardens and is less watery. The start of bean hardening takes place about 90 and 120 days after bloom. Once the bean hardens, CBB is able to drill into the bean within hours and your opportunity to spray and kill CBB will have reduced dramatically.

If you had small, insignificant flowering before your major bloom, highly consider removing these green berries from the field. Spraying to protect these berries may not be worth your time and money. Beginning your spray schedule or spraying according to sampling and monitoring results, will be dependent on your major flowering dates.

Example:

- Insignificant flowering on Dec. 15 - Action: strip pick and remove these berries **before** March 15 (90 days after bloom).
- First major flowering on Feb 5 - Action: monitor for CBB activity and positioning on March 5 (30 days after bloom). Potentially begin spraying in March/April (60 days after bloom) depending on sampling results.

-Andrea

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

Monday, February 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day

Visit <https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/events-and-announcements> for additional information on the following events, announcements and more.

Kona Coffee Council - Monthly Meeting Rescheduled

February's monthly board meeting is being rescheduled. Since we just had the Annual General Meeting and several board members will be out of town, the meeting originally scheduled for this Thursday, February 1, will be pushed back one week to next Thursday, February 8. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

- Kona Coffee Council

New Location! PSA Grower Training - Kona

Friday, February 16, 2018

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Kona Extension Office (New Location!)

79-7381 Mamalahoa Highway

Kealahou, HI 96750

Class fee: \$150*

*HFUU and HFB members may be eligible to receive (reimbursement) scholarships, please inquire with your organization directly.

Those who should attend are fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety.

The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in § 112.22(c) that **requires non-exempt growers**/farms to have:

'At least one supervisor or responsible party for their farm successfully complete food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration.'

Register online at <https://konapsa.eventbrite.com>

For more information, contact Sharon Motomura Wages at smotomur@hawaii.edu or at 808-969-8251.

CBB 101 Workshops - Kona

Saturday, February 17, 2018

9:30 am – 11:30 am

or

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Kona Cooperative Extension Center

79-7381 Mamalahoa Highway, Conference Room

Kealahou, HI 96750

Registration is required. RSVP online at <http://bit.ly/2naVqAy> or by contacting Gina at 808-322-4892 at least 2 days before the workshop. Pre-registered participants will receive a CBB IPM and recordkeeping binder. One binder per farm.

Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) is a damaging pest of coffee. This beetle bores into the fruit and damages the seed, thus affecting coffee yield and quality. If left unmanaged, CBB can cause over 80% cherry infestation and lead to immense damage to the Hawaii coffee industry. CBB is controlled using integrated pest management (IPM), which uses a combination of different techniques, as no single method will control CBB on its own.

UH-CTAHR welcomes you to join us at this informational workshop which will provide participants the opportunity to **learn about CBB biology and the current IPM techniques**. As available, a *Beauveria* subsidy program coordinator from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture will be on hand to talk about their subsidy program that assist coffee producers with the cost of *Beauveria* products.

Avocado Festival - Kona

Saturday, March 3, 2018
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Hale Halawai
5-5760 Ali'i Drive
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

A free, zero waste, community event. Music, arts, hula and agricultural presentations! For more information, visit www.avocadofestival.org

Kona Coffee Cupping Competition - Survey

Aloha 2017 KCCF cupping contest competitors,

We've received mixed feedback on the new scoring system that was used for the competition. In order to decide whether we should use it again for 2018 or revert to the prior system, I want to find out what you, the farmers, would like.

I've created a very short survey to help us get your feedback. It will take less than 2 minutes to complete (unless you have many comments to add, then it will take longer. :-). All responses are anonymous, so, I hope you won't hold anything back.

Please, take a moment to fill out the survey. Every response is very valuable. If you do intend to take the survey, please do so by midday Wednesday (Jan 31st).

You can access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QD77H3D>

Thank you,
Shawn Steiman

2018 Cacao Survey

Aloha Hawaii Cacao farmers, hobbyists, chocolate manufacturers, chocolatiers, supporters and colleagues,

Below is a link to the 2018 Cacao Survey covering the cacao harvest from January to December 2017 and plans for future plantings. Since 2010 this survey annually reports the growth our cacao to chocolate industry.

<http://bit.ly/2GtivY0>

The survey mailing list is growing, but there are cacao farmers not on the list yet, **please forward this email or simply the link to other cacao farmers who you feel might not be on my list.**

Information about individual farms is held confidentially. The summary of the survey will be sent to everyone on this list, the DOA and other agencies, it will be presented at the Hawaii Chocolate and Cacao Assn annual meeting in March 10-11, 2018 (www.hawaiiichocolate.org). A copy will be sent to others on request by email HCBitt@Hawaii.edu.

Thank you for participating,

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HDOA CBB Pesticide Subsidy Program

Aloha Coffee Growers,
Do you have receipts for purchases of *Beauveria bassiana* dated **7/1/2016 through 6/30/2017**? Reimbursement for up to 50% is available through the HDOA CBB Pesticide Subsidy Program. Applications are accepted through June 30, 2018, but please apply now. See the application for details.

The HDOA CBB Pesticide Subsidy application is online at: <http://bit.ly/2tqmKR7>

Thank you for your interest in the CBB Pesticide Subsidy program. Contact the office at hdoa.cbb@hawaii.gov or call [808.323.7578](tel:808.323.7578) to obtain a copy of the application, or for additional information.

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Job Announcement - CTAHR - Office Assistant IV - Kamuela

Position #: 217718
Position Title: Office Assistant IV
Closing date: Continuous

This full time position in Kamuela is open for recruitment. To view the job announcement, go to: <http://bit.ly/2DYNTPN>

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

For those who might be interested in funding opportunities, go to <http://bit.ly/2nIXZR9> for a list of some current federal grants.

CTAHR Notes

CTAHR Notes, Issue 346, January 17, 2017: <http://bit.ly/2nojnVi>

- Seeds of Tradition
- To Root-Knot, or Not to Root-Knot
- Partner with Egypt
- and more...

USDA FSA Hawaii & Pacific Basin – January 2018 Newsletter

For the newsletter, go to: <http://bit.ly/2FtHyJn>

This issue includes the following:

- USDA Announces a Near-Record Year for Farm Loans
- Deadlines Approaching for FSA Livestock Disaster Assistance Programs
- The Census of Agriculture is a Producer's Voice, Future, and Opportunity
- 2018 Acreage Reporting Dates
- FSA Offers Joint Financing Option on Direct Farm Ownership Loans
- Maintaining Good Credit History
- Supervised Credit
- Communication is Key in Lending
- Youth Loans
- January 2018 Interest Rates

P&A Coffee Newsletter - Confidential

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

In this issue:

- Coffee Husk as a New Source of Caffeine?
- New Award for Coffee Journalism
- Specialty Coffee Production Grows in Espírito Santo State
- Single-Serve Market to Grow Up to 100%
- Robusta Production to Increase Due to Favorable Climate
- **Outlook:** Articles About Coffee in 2017 – Outlook Flashback (Page 3)
- **Machine of The Month:** All About Pinhalense Machines – Machine of The Month Flashback (Page 4)