

## **November 2018 – Events and Announcements**

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

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, in observance of General Election Day

Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, in observance of Thanksgiving

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

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### **Banana Macropropagation Workshop – Kona**

Friday, November 2, 2018

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Kona Cooperative Extension Service Conference Room and Research Station

79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy.

Kealahou, HI 96750

UH CTAHR's Kona and Oahu Cooperative Extension and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture welcome you to learn how to propagate healthy disease-free banana plants using macropropagation techniques.

This field day will cover:

- Propagation of clean banana plants through macropropagation techniques
- Identification and management of Banana Bunchy Top Virus (BBTV)
- A demonstration on rapid BBTV detection using AmplifyRP® Acceler8® test kits
- Participants are welcome to bring in samples for testing (limit 1 per participant)

Speakers: Jensen Uyeda (O`ahu County Extension) & Andrea Kawabata

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### **Kona Coffee Cultural Festival**

Friday - Sunday, November 9 - 18, 2018

Kona, Hawaii

HAWAII'S OLDEST FOOD FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE CULTURE BEHIND KONA'S WORLD FAMOUS CUP OF COFFEE

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.

CTAHR will have an educational booth at the Ho`olaulea on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Come say hello and play our trivia game to win prizes!

For more information please visit <http://konacoffeefest.com/>

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### **Register for the Nov 7 CTAHR Celebration - Oahu**

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Ala Moana Hotel

410 Atkinson Drive

Honolulu, HI 96814

\$40 per person

Come celebrate with CTAHR and friends the 90th anniversary of Cooperative Extension and the big 100th of 4H in Hawaii!

Register by October 26 (Fri) at:

- Eventbrite: 90th CES, 100th 4H - <https://bit.ly/2ReqY64>
- UH CES 90th Website - <https://bit.ly/2RfkWlx>

For more information, contact Stephanie Cadelinia (808)956-8139 or [extension@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:extension@ctahr.hawaii.edu)

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### **Hawaii Ant Lab is seeking cooperators!**

**Goal:** To expand the **Siesta Fire Ant Bait** product label to include use within **tropical crops and coffee**.

Currently Tango mixed in the Hawaii Ant Lab gel bait is the only bait product known to be effective against LFA and is labelled for use in edible cropping systems, including tropical crops and coffee. Tango is very effective, however, as an insect growth regulator it is very slow acting and results do not begin to become noticeable for 3-4 months. By expanding the Siesta Fire Ant Bait label, we hope to provide farmers and residents with food crops an additional option for LFA treatment and management which would provide immediate relief.

This project has two portions, the tree crop portion is completed and we are looking for a ground crop to complete the assessment.

#### **Below is a list of what we are looking for in cooperators:**

1. The area must already be infested with LFA
2. The area must be at least ¼ acre, preferably 1 acre
3. The crop cannot be harvested or sold for one year after treatments are complete. This is because tropical crops are currently not on the label, therefore, the crop would not be able to be legally harvested or sold for 12 months after the final treatment.
4. Examples of ground crops (not limited to): sweet potato, pineapple, taro, ginger, turmeric, sugar cane

The experiment includes 4 treatments applied 6 weeks apart with regular monitoring surveys between each treatment. If you are interested in being a cooperator or have questions please contact Michelle at (808)315-5656 or [michelle.montgomery@littlefireants.com](mailto:michelle.montgomery@littlefireants.com)

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### **Seeking Cooperators for Research Regarding Coffee**

Ryen Helzer is an undergraduate student at UH-Hilo studying Environmental Science, he is researching the effects of mycorrhizae fungi on coffee plants in the Kona Coffee Belt. He is looking for experienced farmers and/or scientists that would be willing to contribute an hour of their time to a phone or email interview regarding common agricultural practices, soil composition, and/or mycorrhizae fungi.

If you are interested in helping Ryan, you can contact him at (480)365-8066 or ryenh@hawaii.edu

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### **Hawaii Agriculture Research Center - FREE Water Testing**

The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center is testing water samples for Hawaii farmers in advance of the required compliance dates. The earliest compliance dates for water testing will begin in 2022.

To schedule testing or receive more info contact Dr. Susan Schenck at (808)621-1386 or [sschenck@harc-hspa.com](mailto:sschenck@harc-hspa.com)

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### **CTAHR Notes**

Check out this week's CTAHR notes: Issue 382, October 18, 2018

This week's issue includes:

- Sweet and Green
- A Watershed Moment
- Where Can You Grow them?
- Taking Care of the Folks
- Celebrate Extension!
- Counting What We've Lost
- The Future Landscape
- Connecting Kids to Food

Visit CTAHR News for the articles: [cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu/News](http://cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu/News)

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### **USDA Hawaii County FSA Updates**

View the newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2ONJR2R>

This issue includes the following:

- Organic Certification Cost Share Program
- FSA Offers Joint Financing Option on Direct Farm Ownership Loans
- Hawaii County Eligible for Emergency Loans Following Presidential Disaster Declaration

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### **Hawaii and Pacific Basin Farm Service Agency: October 2018 Newsletter**

View the newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2yBmP5k>

This issue includes the following:

- Organic Certification Cost Share Program
- Hawaii and Maui County Producers May be Eligible for Emergency Conservation Program Assistance
- RTCP Deadline Reminder
- USDA Market Facilitation Program
- FSA Offers Joint Financing Option on Direct Farm Ownership Loans
- USDA Encourages Producers to Consider NAP Risk Protection Coverage

- [Hawaii County Eligible for Emergency Loans Following Presidential Disaster Declaration](#)
- [2019 Acreage Reporting Dates](#)
- [October 2018 Interest Rates](#)
- [FSA Hawaii & Pacific Basin State Committee](#)
- [Sign Up Today for Text Alerts from FSA](#)
- [Hawaii County Mailing Address Update](#)