

## **Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter**

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

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in observance of Prince Kuhio day

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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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### **Ulu Pruning Workshop - 3/23 - Hawi**

Saturday, March 23, 2019

8:30 am – 12:30 pm with potluck to follow

55-3317 Akoni Pule Hwy. Hawi

FREE for Hawai'i Ulu Cooperative members, \$10 for non-members

Reserve your spot by emailing [info@eatbreadfruit.com](mailto:info@eatbreadfruit.com) or call (808)238-8869

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### **Reminder: Acreage Reports and Production are Due for NAP by March 31, 2019**

Reminder to all those who participate in NAP and produce a fruit, vegetable or honey, you must report your final acreage and production by March, 31, 2019 if you have not done so already. Contact Gail at 933-8381 ext. 2.

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### **Hawaii Ant Lab Informational Meeting**

April 11, 2019 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Honalo Mashaling Yard

79-1017 E Honalo Rd, Kailua-Kona

The Hawai'i Ant Lab will present information on how to prevent, detect, and treat little fire ants. Come learn about their biology and control methods.

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### **4th Annual Parade of Farms & Oahu RC&D March News**

Parade of Farms, a day-long event, presented by O`ahu Resource Conservation and Development Council, will take place on:

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

<http://bit.ly/2CnEBe7>

Take a look at the accomplishments of O`ahu RC&D in 2018. We had a busy and fruitful year, excited for projects coming up for our local producers! <http://bit.ly/2Jf1lgJ>

Upcoming Events and Opportunities:

- Cattle Production Talk - March 14, 2019 - 5:30 pm - State Building, Lihue <http://bit.ly/2CnEDCL>
- Ko`olauloa Farmers Market Grand Opening - March 23, 2019 - 8:30 - 2:30 pm - 53-270 Kamehameha Hwy. <http://bit.ly/2F4nmPD>

Coffee and Small Farms Expo - March 30, 2019 - 10:00 - 3:00 - Old Airport Makaeo Pavilion  
<http://bit.ly/2HoyQ47>

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### **Agricultural Producer Survey for Little Fire Ants**

This survey is designed to collect information from agricultural producers to inform and shape directions for management of Little Fire Ants on the Big Island. We really need to hear the voices of our farmers, so please feel free to share this survey with other producers you know. Your assistance is very much appreciated!

View the survey at <http://bit.ly/2ucjzux>

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### **Hawaii and Pacific Basin USDA Farm Service Agency March 2019 Newsletter**

Visit <http://bit.ly/2TGZOua> for the newsletter. This issue includes the following:

- Loans for Targeted Underserved Producers
- Acreage Reporting Dates
- Filing a Notice of Loss
- Payment Limitations by Program
- March 2019 Interest Rates
- FSA Hawaii & Pacific Basin State Committee
- Sign Up Today for Text Alerts from FSA
- Hawaii County Mailing Address Update

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### **CTAHR Notes**

Check out this week's CTAHR Notes: Issue 397, March 15, 2019

This week's issue includes:

- The Art of Science <http://bit.ly/2OgpMyU>
- CTAHR's High Tech <http://bit.ly/2UHuyYF>
- Hog Healthy <http://bit.ly/2Fk3yce>

- Restaurateur of the Year <http://bit.ly/2OcKXBZ>
  - Aquaculturists in Our Midst <http://bit.ly/2TMOsVI>
  - SOAP Help <http://bit.ly/2Tidffj>
  - Ahupua`a and Keep It That Way! <http://bit.ly/2Hr4IFf>
  - Opihi <http://bit.ly/2HG01H1>
  - Keeping Food Safe on the North Shore <http://bit.ly/2TLcKPR>
  - The Seeds of a Career <http://bit.ly/2umUldb>
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### **Oahu Cooperative Extension: March 2019 - Food Safety, WPS, & Jobs in Ag**

Visit <https://conta.cc/2CmlsJH> to view the full newsletter. In this issue:

- FDA Coming to Hawaii
  - Does FSMA Affect You?
  - Updates on Food Safety
  - HDOH's Position on Microgreens and Shoots
  - Become a WPS Trainer - Worker Protection Standards (WPS) Training
  - Additional Pesticide Safety Training
  - Job Opportunities in Agriculture
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### **KCFA Selecting Shoots Workshop Postponed, Short-term Vehicle Disposal Assistance Program**

The KCFA Selection of new Shoots workshop, scheduled for March 15 is postponed. You will be alerted asap to the new date.

Short-term Vehicle Disposal Assistance Program

You might want to consider the County of Hawaii's offer (<http://bit.ly/2ULclJq>) if you have an abandoned vehicle on your property.

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### **ADSC Nitrogen and Total Carbon Equipment is FIXED**

The equipment to test Nitrogen and Total Carbon at ADSC has been repaired and normal testing will be resumed. Results may take a little longer than normal as there are over 200 samples to be tested.