

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

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

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in observance of Memorial 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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### **Tea 101 Workshop: June 20th**

Thursday, June 20, 2019

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

UH-CTAHR Mealani Research Station

64-289 Mamalahoa Hwy, Waimea

Cost: \$25 cash or check

RSVP to Randy ([rth@hawaii.edu](mailto:rth@hawaii.edu)) or 887-6183 by 6/12/19

#### **Topics Include:**

- Tea Propagation
  - The basic types of tea (includes tasting)
  - Crop fertility management
  - Pruning and harvesting tea
  - Tea processing equipment
  - Introduction and market feasibility of Hawaii grown tea
  - Tea varieties at the station and propagation
  - Pest management
  - Hand processing of tea
  - Evaluation of processed tea
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**CTAHR HI Island: Open recruitment for Ag Tech III at Kona station**

Title: AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TECHNICIAN III, SR-11,  
(DRIVER'S LICENSE; LIFT/CARRY 50 LBS), BU-03  
Position Number: 22912  
Organization: COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES / HAWAII COUNTY  
Location: KONA, HAWAII  
Last Day To File: MAY 17, 2019 11:59 PM HST  
Work Schedule: MONDAY - FRIDAY / 6:45AM - 3:30PM  
Fund: GENERAL  
Salary: \$2,835.00 - \$4,358.00 MONTHLY

For more information visit <http://bit.ly/2JDFHXD>.

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**HDOA Recruitment for Plant Quarantine Inspector I (Kona)**

The Department of Human Resources Development is conducting an open competitive recruitment for a Plant Quarantine Inspector I (Kona) which opened on May 4, 2019 and will remain on continuous recruitment.

For more information visit <http://bit.ly/2JGWYzo>.

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**From Hawai'i to Boston: The HCA at the Specialty Coffee Association Expo**

Earlier this month, members and volunteers with the Hawai'i Coffee Association represented our local coffee industry at the 2019 SCA Coffee Expo held in Boston. For this year's annual Expo, Hawai'i coffee professionals showed up in impressive numbers, participating in a wide range of activities and discussions throughout the long weekend. With about 20 volunteers rotating through the HCA booth, we hand brewed coffee samples from all over Hawai'i while engaging with Expo attendees to share information about the quality coffee produced on the islands.

For the full news release visit <http://bit.ly/2VKuzPf>.

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**NAP Buy Up Coverage is Available for 2019 Crop Year Reminder**

For those farmers who signed up for NAP 2019 (Crop Insurance for NonInsurable Crops) and is interested in obtaining extra coverage (up to 65% and at a payment rate of 100% price), the deadline to sign up is May 24, 2019.

This sign up for the "buy up" also includes those farmers who did not sign up for NAP 2019.

Contact our office at 933-8381 Ext 2, if you are interested.

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County Executive Director  
USDA, Farm Service Agency  
Phone: 808.933-8341 Fax: 1.855.356.9492  
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#### **USDA Accepting Applications to Help Cover Producers' Costs for Organic Certification**

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that organic producers and handlers can apply for federal funds to assist with the cost of receiving and maintaining organic certification through the Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP). Applications for fiscal year 2019 funding are due Oct. 31, 2019.

To learn more about organic certification cost share, please visit the OCCSP webpage (<http://bit.ly/2JIRt9E>), view the notice of funds availability on the Federal Register, or contact your FSA county office (<http://bit.ly/2HqpC4P>). To learn more about USDA support for organic agriculture, visit [usda.gov/organic](http://usda.gov/organic).

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#### **Hāmākua Harvest E-Calendar & Farm Festival**

The 4th Annual Farm Festival at Hāmākua Harvest will take place on Sunday, May 19th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the intersection of Mamane st. and Mamalahoa Hwy in Honokaa.

Volunteers are needed to help with parking, carpentry, keiki activities, music/stage management, and festival set-up. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt as a token of gratitude for joining our community effort and a pizza party the following week. Contact Mallion for more info at [info@hamakuaharvest.org](mailto:info@hamakuaharvest.org) or 808-765-9373.

Hāmākua Harvest welcomes the community to come support their favorite local farmers, hang out, listen to local musicians, meet neighborhood farmers and ranchers, and taste a variety of the Hāmākua

region's artisanal food.

Learn more about Hāmākua Harvest at [www.hamakuaharvest.org](http://www.hamakuaharvest.org).

Like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/hamakuaharvest](https://www.facebook.com/hamakuaharvest) and follow us on Instagram [@hamakuaharvest](https://www.instagram.com/hamakuaharvest).

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### **Big Island Cacao Instructional Workshop - June 8th, 2019 at Hawaii Community College**

Course Code: AGR1018-001

Date: Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Hawaii Community College Bldg. 388, Room 101-102

Cost: \$15 per person

Deadline to register is June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

For more information or to enroll: (808)934-2700

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### **KCFA - The Independent Voice - May 2019 Newsletter**

To view the newsletter visit <http://bit.ly/2DS3uQ6>.

#### **In this issue:**

- Open letter to the Governor
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**P&A Coffee Newsletter - Confidential**

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

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