









Dear Growers and Friends,

Please help me in congratulating Nick Yamauchi from the Kona Research Station (KRS)! Nick, who is still the only ag tech at KRS, was recently promoted to farm foreman (ag research technician V). And, even more impressive, he was awarded the UH Presidential Award for Outstanding Service (<https://bit.ly/2XAa3Oq>) by a civil service employee. Nick will receive this award during a ceremony held at UH Manoa on April 29. CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DESERVED, NICK!



Also, please help me in welcoming recently hired Cooperative Extension agents and staff in the different counties!

Big Island		<p><u>Sarah Rehkamp</u> (NREM) will soon be starting (June 3) as the new Assistant Extension Agent in Ag Economics. She will be located at the Komohana Agriculture Research and Extension Center in Hilo and will have statewide responsibilities.</p>
		<p><u>Shannon Sand</u> (NREM) will be starting soon (June 3) as the new Assistant Extension Agent in Agricultural Finance. She will be located at the Komohana Agriculture Research & Extension Center in Hilo and will have state-wide responsibilities.</p>
		<p><u>Melelani Oshiro</u> (HNFAS) is the new Assistant Livestock Agent on the Big Island. She based at the Kona Cooperative Extension Service and can be contacted at mabran@hawaii.edu or (808)322-0165.</p>
		<p><u>Raquel Stephenson</u> is the new Office Assistant IV at the Kamuela Cooperative Extension Office. She can be contacted at rmstephe@hawaii.edu or (808)887-6183.</p>
Maui		<p><u>Rosemary Gutierrez-Coarite</u> (TPSS) is the new assistant Extension Agent in Edible Crops for Maui County and is located at the Maui Cooperative Extension Service in Kahului. Contact Rosemary at gr6@hawaii.edu or (808)244-3242 ext. 232.</p>
Molokai		<p><u>Jennifer Hawkins</u> (TPSS) transitioned from the Moloka'i Hawaiian Home Lands Ag Agent to the Edible Crops Assistant Extension Agent on Moloka'i. She is located at the Molokai Cooperative Extension Office and can be contacted at hawkinsj@ctahr.hawaii.edu or (808)567-6935.</p>
Oahu		<p><u>Amjad Ahmad</u> (TPSS) joined Oahu Cooperative Extension as an Assistant Extension Agent in Sustainable and Organic Agriculture. He is located at the Wahiawa Extension Office and can be contacted at alobody@hawaii.edu or (808)956-2156.</p>
		<p><u>Russell Galanti</u> (TPSS) joined Oahu Cooperative Extension as a Junior Extension Agent working with the ornamental landscaping, nursery crop, and floriculture industries. He is located at the Pearl City Urban Garden Center and can be contacted at rgalanti@hawaii.edu or (808)746-0910.</p>



Emilie Kirk (TPSS) transitioned from Jr. Extension Agent in Edible Crops to Assistant Extension Agent for Sustainable and Organic Agriculture on Kauai. She is located at the Kauai Cooperative Extension Office and can be contacted at ekirk@hawaii.edu or (808)274-3478.

Coffee Root-knot Nematode 101 Workshop and Field Day

Don't forget to register for our upcoming Coffee Root-knot Nematode 101 Workshop and Field Day taking place on April 30, 2019 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Kona Cooperative Extension and Research Station. Learn about coffee root-knot nematode (CRKN), how to test for it, and see for yourself, the effects of this nematode on coffee trees and production. CRKN can be a devastating pest, and unlike coffee berry borer which only infests the cherry and beans, can cause total tree dieback and death. This event is free, but registration is required. RSVP at www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/nematode101 or call (808)322-4892 by April 29 to save your seat.



Save the Date – Hands-on Coffee Grafting Workshop

This workshop is tentatively scheduled for May 15 at the Kona Cooperative Extension Service in Kainaliu. Actual hosting of the workshop is dependent on having enough scion germinating in time for the class. If it will be held, a flyer will be sent out, but may reach you with only about a week to register for the class. Please keep an eye out for the workshop flyer.

New CTAHR Publications

Durian for Hawaii (<https://bit.ly/2VvPxD>)

Viruses in Flowering Ginger (<https://bit.ly/2XNuEz9>)

Reducing Food Waste in Hawaii: A Primer (<https://bit.ly/2Ds1nIJ>)

-Andrea

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

Volume 5: May 2019

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

Monday, May 27th, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day

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

UH Mānoa honors best in teaching, research and service

Congratulations all the recipients of the 2019 UH Mānoa Awards, especially Kona Research Station's Nicholas Yamauchi! The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa will recognize its finest faculty, staff and students with various teaching, research and service awards at its 2019 UH Mānoa Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 29, 4 p.m. at Kennedy Theatre. President David Lassner and Regent Stanford Yuen will honor the awardees and celebrate the accomplishments of these individuals.

A live video stream of the event will be available at <http://bit.ly/2UWqJmo>

Marketing Tactics for Hawai'i County small businesses and organizations

Learn how to market your products at this workshop presented by Pomai Weigert, AgBusiness marketing consultant, for GoFarm Hawai'i. The workshop will provide an overview of goal setting, how to identify your sales targets, and share practical tips and resources for sharpening your business strategy for marketing.

South Kona - Saturday, May 4
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Ma`ona Community Garden
84-5097 Keala O Keawe Rd, Captain Cook

North Kohala - Sunday, May 5
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
The Barn @ Kohala Village HUB
55-514 Hawi Rd, Hawi

Admission is free, but pre-registration is required. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/2vaRJzh>

April 2019 E-Calendar of Events

To view all the events visit <http://bit.ly/2XqywG0>

Maolipreneur - Small Business Strategy Workshops; RSVP: (808)560-3611

Hawaiian Culture based workshop series for those interested in starting a business in Hawaii, writing or strengthening a business plan, building a business credit profile, finding business funding, and creating a personalized action plan for the success of your business.

April 30: Building and Strategizing Business Credit

May 1: Financing Your Business and Determining Costs
May 14: Business Debt Stewardship and Utilization
May 15: The Business Model and Revenue Streams

AgSafe Pesticide Safety Training for growers on Hawaii

Hands-on, interactive pesticide safety training for growers. Approved for 3.0 Continuing Education Credits by HI Department of Agriculture

April 29, 2019

- Mana Christian Ohana Church
- 67-1187 Lindsey Rd. Kamuela, HI 96743
- 11:30 am – 3:00 pm
- Coffee, pastries, and lunch included

April 29, 2019

- CTAHR Komohana Research & Extension Center
- 875 Komohana St. Hilo, HI 96720
- 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Coffee, pastries, and dinner included

April 30, 2019

- Pahala Community Center
- 1149, 96 Kamani St. Pahala, HI 96777
- 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
- Coffee, pastries, and lunch included

Training is FREE, RSVPs appreciated for food planning. Call or text Amy Wolfe with AgSafe at 209-499-4091 or amy@agsafe.org

Update on Food Safety Certification Costs Grant Reimbursement Program

The paperwork required from applicants of HDOA Food Safety Cost Grant Reimbursement Program may not be as burdensome as some farmers suspect. After receiving feedback from growers we've provided "Da Scoop.." (see attached Word doc) to guide growers through the application process.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Anissa Estrella in our Honolulu office at (808)832-0700 or anissa.estrella@hawaii.gov for more information or help with applying. Applications are due by April 15, 2019.

Da Scoop on Food Safety Reimbursement Program - <http://bit.ly/2HLXITk>
Flyer - <http://bit.ly/2WsydtF>
General Information - <http://bit.ly/2TGIPba>
Application - <http://bit.ly/2U7HzP3>

NASS: Hawaii's Number of Farms and Land in Farms Increased

SACRAMENTO - April 11, 2019 - Hawaii's number of farms increased to 7,328 in 2017, up 5 percent from 2012 according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Pacific Region Office. NASS announced the results of the 2017 Census of Agriculture with new

information about U.S. farms and ranches and those who operate them, including first-time data about on-farm decision making, down to the county level.

The 2017 Census of Agriculture show the following key trends for Hawaii:

- Total land in farms increased for the state of Hawaii from 1.129 million acres to 1.135 million acres
- Market value of agricultural products totaled \$563.8 million, down 15 percent primarily due to reduced crop sales
- Average sales per farm increased in Hawaii and Honolulu counties, but decreased in Kauai and Maui. Honolulu County leads with an average sales total of \$163 thousand per farm, followed by Kauai County, then Hawaii and Maui
- The Aloha State leads the U.S. in Macadamia Nut, Papaya, Passion Fruit and Taro, Bananas, Coffee, Pineapple and Ginger Root acreage
- The average age of the Hawaii farmer is 60.1, up from 58.7 in 2012
- Military veterans account for 13 percent of Hawaii farmers

NASS Website: <http://bit.ly/2ve63XY>

USDA Announces Buy-Up Coverage Availability and New Service Fees for Non-insured Crop Coverage Policies

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that higher levels of coverage will be offered through the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), a popular safety net program, beginning April 8, 2019. The 2018 Farm Bill also increased service fees and made other changes to the program, including service fee waivers for qualified military veterans interested in obtaining NAP coverage.

For more information from the NAP website visit <http://bit.ly/2VODJf3>

HCA - 2019 11th Annual Statewide Cupping Competition Announcement

The Hawai'i Coffee Association is pleased to announce the release of the rules and entry information for the 2019 11th Annual Statewide Cupping Competition. Rules and entry information are available here.

Questions about these rules can be directed to Cupping Competition Committee Chair Brian Webb at brian@pacificcoffeeresearch.com, or call Pacific Coffee Research at (808)495-1774.

Online registration and payment will be available soon and announced in a follow-up e-mail. Mahalo for your interest and participation! -2019 Cupping Competition Committee

CTAHR Notes

Check out this week's CTAHR Notes: Issue 401, April 23, 2019

This week's issue includes:

- You Can Bank on the Banquet... - <http://bit.ly/2XHAzFL>
- Be Mindful - <http://bit.ly/2UPCqvf>
- Ecophysiology: Worth a Closer Look - <http://bit.ly/2GDNSRX>
- Shining Bright at the 31st SRS - <http://bit.ly/2vkz6Jn>
- The Taste of Hawai'i - <http://bit.ly/2UD8gWR>
- Forests in the Middle of the Ocean - <http://bit.ly/2XBC8VJ>
- Keeping the Ginger Flowering - <http://bit.ly/2GCaXnT>
- The Rhizomes Have It - <http://bit.ly/2ZvIE27>
- The Good Garden - <http://bit.ly/2UTzkBq>

CTAHR Notes

Check out this week's CTAHR Notes: Issue 400, April 12, 2019

This week's issue includes:

- Science/Communication - <http://bit.ly/2GwVzcG>
- Think Globally, Act Aphidly - <http://bit.ly/2VWUJeo>
- Faux Pas About Fashion - <http://bit.ly/2IDZMfQ>
- At the Helm of ADSC: Next Steps - <http://bit.ly/2VWVFPW>
- My, Oh, Pomai! - <http://bit.ly/2v9rrxn>
- Fab Foreman - <http://bit.ly/2PiQveo>
- ROD Roundtable - <http://bit.ly/2Guys27>
- Get the Invasives to Fly Away - <http://bit.ly/2GlttQ8>
- Grow at the Garden - <http://bit.ly/2IMUEX7>
- Get Technical About Ag - <http://bit.ly/2Ismb0n>
- Make Your Voice Heard About Aquaculture - <http://bit.ly/2IHTDPO>

CTAHR Notes

Check out this week's CTAHR Notes: Issue 398, March 29, 2019

This week's issue includes:

- The Awards of Excellence - <http://bit.ly/2vaSGYn>
- The Hungry Season - <http://bit.ly/2GwQoJB>
- Seeing CTAHR - <http://bit.ly/2VafICG>
- Judges of Greatness - <http://bit.ly/2Xpzdqz>
- Getting Their Hands Dirty - <http://bit.ly/2Gv4fjG>
- Food Branding - <http://bit.ly/2V7vmtf>
- In Memoriam: Joseph Patrick O'Reilly - <http://bit.ly/2UIjVsE>

Hawaii and Pacific Basin USDA Farm Service Agency: April 2019 Newsletter

To view the full newsletter visit <http://bit.ly/2UoEW6p>

In this issue:

- USDA Announces Buy-Up Coverage Availability and New Service Fees
 - Hawaii County Producers May be Eligible for Emergency Conservation Program Assistance
 - USDA announces Streamlined Guaranteed Loans and Additional Lender Category for Small-Scale Operators
 - Reporting Organic Crops
 - Environmental Review Required Before Project Implementation
 - April 2019 Interest Rates
 - FSA Hawaii & Pacific Basin State Committee
 - Sign Up Today for Text Alerts from FSA
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KCFA - The Independent Voice - March 2019 Newsletter

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

In this issue:

- Editorial - the Kona Coffee Lawsuit
 - Blockchain Based Marketplace for Coffee
 - Time to Consider Spraying for CBB
 - Legislative Update
 - 2019 EXPO Wrap Up
 - Drones for Detecting Coffee Rust Disease
 - Coffee - The Revolutionary Beverage
 - You are Invited to KCFA Board Meetings
 - DoA Funds available for Food Safety Modernization
 - Export Contracts Seminar
 - Coffee on Toast for Breakfast?
 - Salute to Business Member, RHS Distillery
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SW Climate Hub Bulletin - March 2019

To view the full newsletter visit <http://bit.ly/2OtTn7S>

In this issue:

- One Thing is Certain, Drought Will Return
 - Monitoring and Reporting Drought in Arizona
 - Frederic G. Renner Award recipient, Dr. Joel Brown
 - Learning to Live with Less Water
 - Using 'Big Data' to Explore Soil Health as a Socio-ecological Feedback
 - Environmental Impact Bonding to Improve Forest Health
 - Climate Reporting for the Southwest
 - Funding Opportunities
 - Events & Webinars
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