

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

With rainy seasons and warm weather, be on the lookout for early signs and symptoms of disease on your coffee, fruit and mac nut trees.

In wet and humid conditions, diseases such as cercospora on coffee, raceme blight (botrytis sp.) and quick decline on macadamia, as well as anthracnose (coffee, mango, etc.) and root-rots on various fruit (avocado – p.18, etc.) and nut crops can be common. Control pests and diseases early and quickly to avoid devastating consequences to your crop, yields and farm profit. In the case of dry weather followed by heavy rainfall, fruit cracking may be observed.

Bearing coffee and fruit trees require adequate nutrients and water from flowering and young fruit development to harvest. To avoid losses and leaching of fertilizers into our ground water and ocean systems during rainy years, fertilizers can be spread at lower quantities and more frequently than during drier years. Find adequate levels of nutrients of various soils and crop plant tissues in the links below.

Desuckering of coffee trees should be done a few months after pruning to allow the strongest and best placed verticals to remain on stumps. Removal of water shoots on verticals is also necessary to reduce sunlight and nutrient competition between laterals and verticals. Desuckering and the removal of water shoots can take place 2-3 times a season.

Please join us for “Desuckering - Comparison of Coffee Pruning Strategies Field Day – Kona” on Thurs., June 18, 2019 from 10 am – noon at the Kona Research Station in Kainaliu (<http://bit.ly/2wDr3rx>).

If you have any questions regarding your farm and these topics, or other topics, please don't hesitate to contact me at andreak@hawaii.edu or 808-322-4892.

- Andrea

Cercospora on coffee - <https://bit.ly/2F4Btp5>

Raceme blight on macadamia - <https://bit.ly/2MIXdNx>

Quick decline on macadamia – <https://bit.ly/2WecNQn>

Anthracnose of coffee - <https://bit.ly/2WnlOvv>

Anthracnose of mango - <https://bit.ly/2wDOJwc>

Root-rot on avocado - <https://bit.ly/2CSPaF7>

Adequate nutrients of soils and crops - <https://bit.ly/2TvBzLs>



Lesions on young verticals (left). Lesions may progress to browning of the stem on young verticals (right).

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

Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 in observance of King Kamehameha I Day

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

Welcome Sarah Rehkamp & Shannon Sand!

Sarah Rehkamp (Asst. Agent in Ag Econ) and Shannon Sand (Asst. Agent in Ag Finance) started today. Their contact information is below.

- Sarah Rehkamp: srehkamp@hawaii.edu; Komohana REC B-112; 808-969-8221
 - Shannon Sand: srsand@hawaii.edu; Komohana REC B-108; 808-969-8217
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Tax Planning for Business Owners

This workshop is designed to help small business owners learn of the tax opportunities available to them as well as how to avoid the major pitfalls. Fee: \$20; Register at <http://bit.ly/2WyNtsz>

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

(Registration 8:45 AM)

Hale Iako, Suite 119

NELHA (OTEC) Campus - (next to Kona International Airport)

73-970 Makako Bay Drive; Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Farm Recovery Business Plan Workshop - Kea`au - June 7th

Join us for free workshops to help you grow your business. All are welcome!

Register at Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/2JSIZqQ>

RSVP or questions to info@shachawaii.org or 365-9041

<p>Friday, June 7 from 4-6 pm Keaau Community Center – Refreshments provided Farm Recovery Business Plan: Nancy Ginter-Miller <i>Rethinking and building a new Business Plan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is your mission or business proposition?• Business Plan essentials• Streamlining your costs• Income and Expenses – is it profitable?	<p>Friday, July 12 from 4-6 pm Keaau Community Center – Refreshments provided Farm Business Basics: <i>SHAC Consultants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm Tax Preparation Strategies• Quickbooks for Growers• Succession Planning
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash Flow – what loan payment can the business afford? 	
<p>Friday, August 2 from 4-6 pm Keaau Community Center – Refreshments provided</p> <p>Capitalizing Farm Recovery: Megan Blazak & Eric Bowman of The Kohala Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing Agricultural Grants • Smart Loans for Farm Businesses • Disaster-Specific Funding • Crowdfunding and Creative Sources of Capital 	<p>Friday, September 6 from 4-6 pm Keaau Community Center – Refreshments provided</p> <p>New Markets to Fund Recovery: Speakers to be announced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding New Markets to sell your products • How to get certified and expand your sales: CDFA, Food Safety & Organic Certification paths • Value-Added Product Development

Romaine/Macnut Husk Field Day & Macnut Association Annual Meeting

Romaine lettuce planted into the Macadamia nut husk as a soil organic matter source in organic vegetable crop systems

- Friday, June 14th, 2019
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am
- Lalamilo Research Station
- 66-1179 Opelo Rd. Kamuela, HI
- Register at: <https://bit.ly/2VMtMJw>

In addition, the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association is having their annual meeting on July 13th in Kona at the King Kamehameha hotel. Registration is free and please register at <http://www.hawaiiamacnut.org/> or download the registration form at <http://bit.ly/2XiSp27>

Cacao Workshops 6/25 Hilo, 6/26 Kauai

Please join us for these cacao workshops taught by UH Manoa Researchers, Extension Agents and Graduate Students.

Topics covered will include:

2018 Hawaii State cacao survey results
Benefits of grafted trees vs. seedlings
Early plant establishment and cage coverings
Black pod rot
Current cacao variety trial
Grafting demonstration

The workshop in Hilo will be on 6/25/19 at USDA ARS DKI PBARC
Register for the Hilo class at <http://bit.ly/2JVuSRJ>
Download the flyer at <http://bit.ly/2Wdpw6b>

The workshop in Kauai will be on 6/26/19 at the Kauai Agricultural Research Center.
Register for the Kauai class at <http://bit.ly/2K33txt>

Download the flyer at <http://bit.ly/2Ms2pFe>

HDOA Recruitment for Entomologist (Kona)

Our Entomologist IV position in Kona, Hawaii is now open to the public for recruitment. Please share to anyone interested!

See the full job listing at <http://bit.ly/2JX6UFS>

Recordings of Dr. David Wright's Presentations

Seminar 1, "Integrating Livestock into a Cropping System: Theory and Lessons Learned" -

<http://bit.ly/2Xhv0hz>

Seminar 2, "Over 40 Years as an Extension Specialist: The Relationship between Specialists and Agents" -

<http://bit.ly/2JM60vy>

Save The Date - Seed to Cup Festival - Farmers & Vendors Wanted

Aloha Maui Farmers and Vendors!

It's that time of year again and we'd enjoy your participation at the 12th Annual Seed to Cup Festival slated for:

Sunday, August 4th, 2019

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Maui Tropical Plantation Village area

This is the first year this event will be held on a Sunday. There will be cruise ship passengers lingering throughout the day as well as the usual Sunday families, not to mention the lunch crowd in which the Mill House draws. We have a full line up of entertainment including HAPA and Sister Val from KPOA will be our Emcee for the entire event.

Please confirm your participation via email to maria@mauioma.com by June 15th. Once the final schedule of events/timeline is completed, we'll send it out to you and we hope to see your name on it!

Taste of the Hawaiian Range & Agriculture Festival 2019: Seeking Interested Growers

The Taste of the Hawaiian Range & Agriculture Festival 2019 is seeking growers of fruits, vegetables or other crops that are interested in selling products at the 2019 festival on September 7, 2019.

Please visit the Taste of the Hawaiian Range & Agriculture Festival website to apply -

<http://bit.ly/2Mntr0p>

Important Information from the Kuha`o Business Center

The Kuha`o Business Center will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day

Made in Maui County Festival

Friday, November 1 - Exclusive Shopping Day

Opening ceremonies & free pupus, food trucks, prize drawings, & totes for all shoppers

Saturday, November 2 - Big Festival Day

Food trucks, fashion & talk shows, product demos, & prize drawings all day

Promote and sell your products to thousands of residents and visitors during Maui County's largest products show of the year!

Local businesses who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply as a Product Vendor:

Business must be based in Maui County (current GET license required)

All product(s) offered for sale must be made, manufactured, grown and/or created in Maui County. Products may include source materials made/found in the State of Hawaii.

Must meet minimum 51 percent "Made in Hawaii" product valuation.

Application deadline: May 31, 2019

For more information visit www.MadeInMauiCountyFestival.com

Sponsorship and Exhibitor Packages for Hawaii Coffee Association (HCA) Conference

Aloha, everyone!

Attached are the Sponsor <http://bit.ly/2WgIcXq> and Exhibitor <http://bit.ly/2Kg4iIK> Packets. Please share them with potential sponsors or vendors. Thank you!

Alla Kostenko

Event Coordinator

Hawaii Coffee Association

Oahu Cooperative Extension: Meet and Greet - New Oahu Extension Agents

View the full newsletter at <https://conta.cc/2Wp0OEM>

In this issue:

Meet and Greet Oahu's new Extension Agents

Bush Bean Variety Trials: Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii Island

Increase in Animal Related Inquiries

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

Visit <http://bit.ly/2VCNKey> to view the full newsletter. In this issue:

- USDA Accepting Applications to Help Cover Producers' Costs for Organic Certification
 - USDA Announces Buy-Up Coverage Availability and New Service for Noninsured Crop Coverage Policies
 - Higher Limits Now Available on USDA Farm Loans
 - Emergency Disaster Declarations and Designations
 - Livestock Inventory Records
 - Youth Loans
 - Communication is Key in Lending
 - May 2019 Interest Rates
 - FSA Hawaii & Pacific Basin State Committee
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KCFA - The Independent Voice - June 2019 Newsletter

Visit <http://bit.ly/2EQF8q4> to view the newsletter. In this issue:

- Hola from Puerto Rico
 - Updated KCFA Website Debuts Soon
 - KCFA History - "The Naked Truth Calendar"
 - Climate Change and Coffee Research
 - PBARC Research - CBB
 - Comment
 - Handy Hints
 - NASS Agricultural Profiles for Hawaii
 - T-Shirts now available in the KCFA Store!
 - Buying a Piece of Paradise
 - Recipe: Avocado Remoulade
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