

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

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### **Dear Growers and Friends,**

USDA Farm Service Agency requests your immediate help to determine the impact of Kilauea Volcano's eruption.

### **Crop Losses Due to 2018 Volcanic Eruption and Hurricane – BIG ISLAND**

A disaster bill was passed by Congress a couple of months ago and there is a program that will compensate Hawaii farmers for their crop losses due the Volcanic Eruption and the Hurricanes that passed through the islands back in 2018.

What USDA is trying to determine, is a "crop disaster yield" or crop production in the 2018 season as a result of the disaster. For example, they know there was very low yield (production) or no production for the season for those crops destroyed by the lava. The ginger crop in Hilo did not produce well because of the flooding that occurred because of Hurricane Lane. Estimates are welcomed too.

1. Was your crop/production/yield affected by:
  - 2018 Volcanic Eruption, or
  - 2018 Hurricane Lane, or
  - 2018 Eruption AND Hurricane Lane
2. Which of your crop(s) was affected by the eruption, hurricane or both?
3. Is your crop production:
  - In the lava flow area, OR
  - Outside of the lava flow area
4. How was your crop affected?
  - By vog, ash, a lack of rain, reduction in sunlight, excessive rain/flooding, etc.?
  - Please explain if possible. You may provide more than one reason.
5. What were your estimated losses? (percent crop loss, number of trees lost, total value of losses, etc.). Please estimate for each crop affected.

Please send your information to me at [andreak@hawaii.edu](mailto:andreak@hawaii.edu). If you prefer to remain anonymous, please let me know and I will provide your responses ONLY to Lester Ueda of USDA FSA.

Thank you for your assistance.

Andrea

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

Monday, September, 2nd, 2019 in observance of Labor 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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**Free Macadamia Nut Pest Workshop for Growers**

Led by Dr. Alyssa Cho of CTAHR, mac nut growers will learn to manage pests in the orchard, with a focus on macadamia felted coccid (MFC). Eligible farms can receive product for use after the training.

**FREE events, snacks provided**

**Limited space, registration required**

Register online at <http://bit.ly/macnutclass>

For details, call (808)430-1876 or email [bigislandmacnut@gmail.com](mailto:bigislandmacnut@gmail.com)

**South Kona:** August 24 @ Mac Farms, 9:00-11:30 am

**Ka'u:** September 14 @ Ka'u Coffee Mill, 9:00 – 11:30 am

**Kohala:** October 5 @ Island Harvest, 9:00 – 11:30 am

**Honoka'a:** October 12 @ Ahualoa Farms, 9:00 – 11:30 am

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**Hilo/Kona: Story-Based Marketing Workshop - 8/28 & 8/29**

Learn to tell the authentic story of your farm or farm product to better reach your target audience. Workshops will include a discussion of best practices and lessons from the field, tools to help develop your own story-based marketing strategy and tactics, and time to work individually and in groups with guidance and feedback from knowledgeable consultants.

**Presenters: Jake and Chelsea Davis**, Local food branding consultants and owners of Root Cellar, Columbia, Missouri

**East Hawai'i: Wednesday, August 28 – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

'Alae Postharvest Facility

895 Kauhiula Rd.

Hilo, HI 96720

**West Hawai'i: Thursday, August 29 – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Honalo Marshaling Yard

79-1017 East Honalo Rd.

Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Registration: Attendance is free, but space is limited!

**Sign up by Wednesday, August 21** by emailing [info@breadfruit.com](mailto:info@breadfruit.com) or by calling 808-238-8869.

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**Get Paid to Save: Energy Grants and Rebates for Small Businesses**

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

9:00 am - 11:00 am

(Registration 8:45 am)

Hale Iako, Suite 119

NELHA (OTEC) Campus

(next to Kona International Airport)

73-930 Makako Bay Drive

Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Fee: \$20

Register at <http://bit.ly/2YOkYhr>

Speakers from The Kohala Center, USDA Rural Development, and Hawai'i Energy will share information about grant, loan, and financial incentive programs available to help your business or organization achieve its clean energy goals. Some of the programs we will cover include:

USDA Rural Energy for America (REAP) grants

Hawai'i Energy rebates and incentives

Hawai'i's Green Energy Money Saver Program

These programs can help you:

save money on photovoltaic (PV), small hydroelectric, high-efficiency refrigeration, and HVAC systems

perform energy efficiency upgrades

afford energy upgrades through on-bill financing

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**2019 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference Updates - Schedule Now Available!**

Hawai'i Agriculture Conference - AG2019  
October 15-16, 2019  
Hawai'i Convention Center

Keynote speakers: Jamie Tuuta, Ed McMahon, & Michelle Galimba

Register Today! Early bird registration ends August 31 (<http://bit.ly/2KPUQXh>)

Sponsorship opportunities still available (<http://bit.ly/2NqV0GM>)

Grower-Buyer Meet-up 2019 (<http://bit.ly/2Olzzld>)

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**Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program (including Volcano) Disaster Outreach Briefings**

Outreach Briefings by FSA and NRCS

Assistance Available for Crop Losses Resulting From: Volcano Lava and VOG (Hawaii, May-Aug),  
Hurricane Lane (Hawaii & Oahu, Aug 22-29), Tropical Storm Olivia (Sep 9th)

**Outreach Information Briefing (please attend):**

**Pahoa:** August 19th, 4 - 6 pm

Pahoa Community Center

15-3022 Kauhale St.

Pahoa, HI 96778

**Ka'u:** August 22nd, 4 – 6 pm

Kau District Gym Multi-Purpose

96-1219 Kamani St.

Pahala, HI 96777

**Kona:** August 23rd, 4 – 6 pm

Kona Cooperative Extension Service – Kainaliu

79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy.

Kealahou, HI 96750

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## **2019 Tea Growers Survey**

Aloha,

You are receiving this message as a possible tea grower in Hawaii--please disregard if you don't grow tea. We are asking tea growers for their assistance in participating in the Hawaii Tea Growers' Survey 2019. CTAHR is partnering with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture in this effort. A similar survey of the tea industry was conducted in 2014. The survey results are available at: <http://bit.ly/2YSZlId>

The purposes of the current survey are to (a) assess the current situation of the industry and (b) to see what has changed in the five years since the last survey. Reading and thoughtfully answering the questions may give you insights into typical problems and solutions in tea farming. If the survey "freezes", it may be missing a response to a question.

The survey should take 10-15 minutes. Please click on the following link, or copy and paste it into your browser to start the survey. This link will be available until August 23, 2019.

**<http://bit.ly/33z1dVd>**

Should you manage more than one location for tea production, please fill out this survey once per unique area farmed. The software being used allows each email address to respond only once, so you will need to use another account/create a temporary address. We apologize for the humbug.

Thank you for your participation. Please forward this message to other tea growers. For more information, please contact Stuart Nakamoto ([snakamo@hawaii.edu](mailto:snakamo@hawaii.edu)) or Randy Hamasaki ([rth@hawaii.edu](mailto:rth@hawaii.edu)).

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## **August E-Calendar of Events**

### QUICKBOOKS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Instructor: Richard Kehoe, CPA and Lead SCORE Counselor

Thursday, August 22, 2019 - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Kuha'o Business Center

Cost: \$45 - payment must be received no later than Tuesday, 8/20 at 4 pm

### NO COST BUSINESS ADVICE

Senior Business Advisor, Wayne Wong

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Kuha'o Business Center

To register or for more information call (808)553-8100.

To view the rest of the calendar go to <http://bit.ly/31ycbZ1>

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### **RTCP 2019 Sign Up Has Started**

Enrollments for fiscal year 2019 will begin July 15, 2019, and end Sept. 6, 2019. Since RTCP benefits are based on transportation costs incurred during a fiscal year, producers will have until Nov. 1, 2019, to provide supporting documentation of their actual transportation costs to replace any certified amounts for fiscal year 2019.

For more information call 933-8381 Ext. 2.

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

To view the newsletter visit <http://bit.ly/2MzI0h9>. In this issue:

- KCFA Joins HCA Board
  - 25,000 views & Counting
  - KCFA Farm Listings - Action Needed
  - Current Crop Problems
  - Hawaii Ant Lab Opens Office in West Hawaii
  - Judging the Ripeness of Coffee Cherry
  - Moisture Meter Calibration Workshop
  - Fancy Coffee Maker
  - Conflicting Coffee/Cardiovascular Studies
  - State Reimbursing Compost Costs
  - Coffee May Reduce the Risk of Melanoma
  - Philippine Heritage Typica Coffee
  - How Roasting Affects Coffee Flavor
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