

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) expanded and now includes COFFEE, MAC NUT, LYCHEE, RAMBUTAN, AVOCADO, MANGO, and more.

Signup for CFAP 2 will **begin September 21 and run through December 11, 2020**. If your business was affected by the pandemic, and you are eligible for assistance, please sign up as soon as you can from September 21.

Click the link below for information on:

- The program
- Price Trigger Commodities
- Flat-rate Crops
- Sales Commodities (includes specialty crops)
- Eligibility
- Applying for Assistance
- Support Services

<https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>

Eligibility

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits when members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. In addition, this special payment limitation provision has been expanded to include trusts and estates for both CFAP 1 and 2.

Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

Coffee:

I hope your coffee harvest is going well and that you are staying safe.

If you need to get in the last fertilization before the rains slow or stop, please do so now. The conditions are already changing with less rainfall, and rain (or irrigation) is needed to disperse granular fertilizers and nutrients through the soil and into the plant roots.

Keep on top of harvests as best as possible. Picking every 2-3 weeks is ideal for CBB control.

Also, look out for mite damage (bronzing, curling, or reduction in size of leaves). In addition to problems of anthracnose and cercospora, growers have noticed a rise in (broad) mite damage this season.

- Mite damage - <https://bit.ly/3ktlLpz>
- Anthracnose - <https://bit.ly/2EbRtbv>
- Cercospora - <https://bit.ly/3kF6U5r>

Please stay healthy everyone!
-Andrea

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

HDOA: Coffee Berry Borer Confirmed on Kaua'i

HONOLULU – The coffee berry borer (CBB), one of the most devastating pest of coffee plants, has been confirmed in a residential area in Kalaheo on Kaua'i. This is the first detection on Kaua'i of CBB which has been established on Hawai'i Island, Maui and O'ahu for several years.

On Sept. 3, 2020, a Kalaheo resident submitted suspected infested coffee berries to the Kaua'i Invasive Species Committee (KISC) which sent the samples to the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) and to the University of Hawai'i, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH-CTAHR). Samples were forwarded to HDOA's Plant Pest Control Branch in Honolulu where an entomologist confirmed CBB on Sept. 4th. HDOA also collected additional samples from the resident's property and yesterday began surveying neighboring residential properties. Additional surveys at other sites are being planned to determine the extent of the infestation.

Kauai's major coffee grower, Kauai Coffee, was informed of the detection of CBB on the island and has been surveying their fields. So far, they have not detected any signs of CBB.

HDOA, UH-CTAHR and KISC are currently working on a collaborative response plan which includes integrated pest management practices that have helped to control the pest on other islands. "While the extent of the infestation on Kaua'i is not known at this time, there is a strong coordinated effort between agencies and the coffee industry to try to contain and manage this pest," said Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser, chairperson of the Hawai'i Board of Agriculture. "We also ask the Kaua'i community to be vigilant and report any signs of CBB in their backyard coffee plants."

CBB was first detected in the state in Sept. 2010 in Kona and discovered in Ka'u in May 2011. It was found on O'ahu in December 2014 and on Maui in December 2016. It is still unknown how CBB first made its way to Hawai'i Island and how it has spread to other islands.

This small beetle bores into the coffee "cherry" to lay its eggs. The larvae feed on the coffee bean, reducing the yield and quality of the bean. Since its detection in Hawai'i, coffee growers have developed methods to manage the pest, which include using an organic pesticide and field sanitation. Some farms with good management practices have been able to keep infestation levels down significantly.

CBB, *Hypothenemus hampei*, is native to Central Africa and is also found in many coffee-growing regions of the world, including Central and South America. Hawai'i has strict importation rules requiring all imported green coffee beans for roasting and associated packing materials be fumigated prior to entering the State to ensure beans are free of pathogens and insect pests. These rules also subject coffee plants and propagative plant parts to strict quarantine requirements if imported to Hawai'i. In addition, by rule, HDOA requires a permit issued by Plant Quarantine prior to transporting unroasted coffee beans, coffee plants and plant parts, used coffee bags and coffee harvesting equipment moving from an infested island to other islands within the state. The rule also requires inspection by HDOA Plant Quarantine inspectors, mitigation measures, and certain treatments prior to shipping. Inspectors will either attach a tag, label or stamp to indicate the shipment complies with all necessary requirements. For unroasted coffee beans, acceptable treatment protocols include fumigation, freezing and heat treatment.

To report possible CBB infestations on Kaua'i, call HDOA's Plant Pest Control Branch at (808) 973-9525. For more information on CBB in Hawai'i go to the HDOA CBB webpage at: <https://bit.ly/2FvBCVi> and the UH-CTAHR webpage at: <https://bit.ly/2FwVcAt>

CARES Act Funding Update for Agricultural Producers

Important Update on Eligibility and Required Documents

The Holomua Hawai'i program is now accepting applications from Sole Proprietors who are not registered with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). Updates are underlined below.

Applicant Eligibility Requirements Update

- Non- profits and Businesses registered with the Hawai'i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), and Sole Proprietors.
- **Non-DCCA Registered sole proprietorships that have filed a 2019 IRS Form 1040 Schedule C or F.**
- Must have been established with the State of Hawai'i **prior to March 23, 2020.**
- Businesses and nonprofits must be located on Hawai'i Island, employ residents of Hawai'i, and provide direct services to Hawai'i Island communities.
- Must have 50 or fewer employees including full time, part time, and casual.

Required Documents Update

- Note: all required documents should be submitted in pdf or jpg/jpeg format via the Holomua Hawai'i online Grant Application.
- Compliance Certificate or current DCCA Registration for organizations registered with the DCCA.
- First page of 2019 business tax return or 2019 Schedule C or annual GET reconciliation for 2019 or GET quarterly filings for 2020 (to verify revenue level).
- **For non-DCCA Registered sole proprietorships, 2019 IRS Form 1040 Schedule C or F, and 2020 quarterly GET filings are required.**
- Copy of most recent payroll register or Form 941 for 2019 (to verify number of employees; not required for sole proprietorship or single member LLC).

- Completed Federal Form W-9 - <https://bit.ly/3hdZLwU>
- Clear copies of receipts and or cancelled checks for reimbursement.
- Completed Holomua Hawaii COVID-19 Expense Workbook - <https://bit.ly/3mcxhan>
- IRS Form 8829 – for Businesses with only residential addresses - <https://bit.ly/3ikFDdY>

Additional Update - Note that the telephone number for the Hawai'i County Employees Federal Credit Union has been corrected to [935-2969](tel:935-2969).

- For more information and to apply, go to www.holomuahawaii.com
 - Monitor www.hawaiiicounty.gov/CARES for updates.
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HI County Grants for Small Business

Hawaii County CARES Act funding for small businesses opens today!

The Holomua Hawai'i program will distribute up to \$22 million in Hawai'i County's CARES Act funding in the form of one-time reimbursement grants up to \$10,000 to county businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Holomua Hawai'i is a reimbursement grant program for costs incurred from business interruption due to the COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation on March 23, 2020, for the time period when the applicant was impacted.

For more details visit <https://bit.ly/2FiJSs7>

Public Speaking in Our New Virtual Reality

Over the past months, business owners and professionals have been unexpectedly thrust into a crash course in our new "virtual reality." Being engaging, clear and authentic in your public speaking and messaging is more important than ever, but also more challenging. In this workshop, participants will learn tips, strategies and tools for public speaking remotely so they can do so with confidence and clarity needed to make a lasting impact and inspire potential clients to take action.

Our instructor, Laura Reid, is an award winning public speaker and a real treat to listen to and learn from.

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Online

Fee: \$10

Register at <https://bit.ly/2Fc7tuG>

Gold Star Business Nominations

Aloha!

The County of Hawai'i awards businesses with the Gold Star when they've passed all necessary safety requirements by the State of Hawai'i and implemented additional requirements by the county, the Department of Health, and the Hawai'i Fire Department. These requirements allow businesses to reopen to the public and provide the safest possible conditions during this current phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please send out an announcement to your members informing them about Gold Star and that we encourage the public to nominate businesses that are providing excellent COVID-19 safety precautions for customers and employees, for a Hawai'i County Gold Star Business designation.

Nomination can be submitted at <https://bit.ly/2Rb7HEG>

Thank you for all your support!!

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Find help for your small business at www.hawaiiicounty.gov/covidbusinesshelp

Petition to Revoke Tolerances: Neonicotinoid

Aloha farmers and industry users, thank you so much for your input on the neonicotinoid comments.

There are a few interim decisions for Cypermethrin, Flonicamid and Flumioxazin.
Please message Natalie if you would like to comment.

(Quite a few others as well.) Links below:

EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0720-0024

Pesticide Registration Review: Draft Human Health and/or Ecological Risk Assessments for Several Pesticides

Notice: <https://bit.ly/3hj6iGJ>

EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0720-0025

Pesticide Registration Review: Draft Human Health and/or Ecological Risk Assessments for Strychnine

Notice: <https://bit.ly/3hj6k1j>

EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0168-0024

Pesticide Registration Review: Proposed Interim Decisions for Several Pesticides

<https://bit.ly/3hgW0Xp>

Comments Due: Nov 2

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