

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 Lānaʻi

The coffee berry borer (CBB) was confirmed in wild coffee on Lānaʻi in August 2020. This was the first detection on the island of CBB which is one of the most devastating pest of coffee plants. CBB has been established on Hawaiʻi Island, Maui and Oʻahu for several years and was also detected on Kauaʻi earlier this month.

Between July 17-31, 2020, adult beetles were trapped in a forested area during a bark beetle survey in the Lānaʻihale, Munro Trail area by Dr. Conrad P.D.T. Gillett and David Honsberger with the University of Hawaiʻi, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH-CTAHR). On August 6, 2020, beetles and infested berries were hand-collected from wild coffee plants in the Kapano Gulch area by Pūlama Lānaʻi staff. Samples from both of these collections were forwarded to the Hawaiʻi Department of Agriculture (HDOA) Plant Pest Control Branch in Honolulu where an entomologist confirmed them as CBB. HDOA will initiate a survey to assess the extent of the infestation.

“It is unknown at this time how the beetle got to wild coffee plants on Lānaʻi,” said Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser, chairperson of the Hawaiʻi Board of Agriculture. “We appreciate the assistance of the multiple agencies that are helping us to determine the extent of this infestation and how CBB may have been introduced to the island.”

CBB was first detected in the state in September 2010 in Kona and discovered in Kaʻu in May 2011. It was found on Oʻahu in December 2014, on Maui in December 2016, and on Kauaʻi in September 2020. It is still unknown how CBB first made its way to Hawaiʻi Island and how it has spread to other islands.

To continue reading, visit <https://bit.ly/2ZL96q2>

Free PPE for Qualified Businesses

Part XIII Section 30 of SB126 appropriated \$61 million of CARES funds to be used for “the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment to hospitals, childcare facilities, elderly care facilities,

businesses, non-profits, and schools, pursuant to Public Law 116-136 and associated guidance issued by appropriate federal agencies...” and that any unexpended funds as of December 28, 2020 shall be transferred to the unemployment compensation trust fund. This further requires that all PPE purchases be delivered by suppliers to Hawaii by this date as well.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) a division of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense has been designated as the lead agency in this program is working with various State Departments and volunteers to purchase, warehouse, and distribute to the designated recipients. For further qualification information please consult our Qualifications or Frequently Asked Questions links. For additional information please us via email at ESF7.hiema@hawaii.gov

Kuha’o Business Center: More Upcoming Events & Resources Available

To view the full newsletter visit <https://bit.ly/32D7y3o>

In this issue:

- Drive-through COVID-19 testing and mask distribution set for Wednesday, Sept. 16, on Molokai
 - Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Mitchell Pauole Community Center
 - For more information visit www.MauiCounty.gov
- There are many County, State and even federal assistance programs available for residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19. We encourage everyone to visit www.MauiNuiStrong.net for help finding resources and instructions on how to apply for some of these programs
- HELP Program
 - Since April 1, the County of Maui has committed about \$10 million toward the HELP Program in an effort to assist residents with paying for food, medicine, rent and utilities
 - Maui Economic Opportunity administers the program in partnership with the County
 - Qualified applicants cannot have more than \$5,000 in liquid assets and only one individual per household may receive assistance.
 - To apply and view the full list of qualifications, visit www.meoinc.org
- Kokua Maui County Small Business Recovery & Relief Fund
 - The County of Maui has committed \$6 million in CARES Act funds toward the Kokua Maui County Small Business Recovery & Relief Fund
 - The funds is a partnership with six chartered Federal Credit Unions in Maui County and covers reimbursable business expenses such as rent/lease payments, utility payments and COVID-19 related safety precautions at the place of business
 - The maximum award for small businesses is \$7,500
 - Qualified businesses must have gross revenues of \$2 million or less for 2019.
 - To apply and find more information, visit www.mauistrong.net/kokua-maui-county or call (808)270-5745
- Rancher Assistance Partnership Program:
 - County partnership with local ranchers and Feed My Sheep to provide ground beef to people in need.

- For more information visit: **www.feedmysheepmaui.com**
 - Maui County Virtual Job Fair
 - One-stop shop for residents seeking employment opportunities, job training or new career paths
 - For more information visit: **www.mauicountyvirtualjobfair.com**
 - The State of Hawaii Rent Relief Housing Assistance Program (RRHAP)
 - Assistance includes making monthly rent and financial counseling
 - Applications are currently being accepted for housing payments due between Aug.1 and Dec. 28, 2020
 - Monthly payments will be up to \$1,500 per household for Maui County residents
 - For more information including FAQ's, visit **www.hihousinghelp.com**
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HCA Newsletter: Hawai'i CARES Act, Maui Resources & FedEx Update

To view the full newsletter visit **<https://bit.ly/3c8BLuc>**

In this issue:

- CARES Act Grants for Hawai'i County
 - The Holomua Hawai'i program has been updated to accept applications from sole proprietors, such as farmers, ranchers, and nursery producers, who are not registered with DCCA. See the Holomua section under **www.hawaiicounty.gov/CARES**. This is an opportunity to be reimbursed up to \$10,000.
 - Resources Relating to COVID-19 for Maui County
 - To see the email sent by the Maui County Office of Economic Development listing important resources relating to COVID-19 for Maui county residents visit **<https://bit.ly/3mubY4p>**
 - FedEx: Wildfires in California, Oregon and Washington (for our members only)
 - The wildfires are causing hazardous conditions in California, Oregon, and Washington. Our top priority is the safety and well-being of our team members, as well as providing the highest level of service to our customers. Although contingency plans are in place, some service delays and disruptions can be anticipated for inbound and outbound shipments in the areas of California, Oregon, and Washington. FedEx is committed to providing service to the best of our ability in areas that can be safely accessed.
 - Please continue to check FedEx Service Alerts at **<https://bit.ly/2H1FQVt>**
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