

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

Please continue to protect yourselves and others. Stay safe and well.

Banana:

I recently received inquiries about the banana bunchy top virus (BBTV). In addition, HDOA sent out an alert of a new pest of banana called the Banana Lacewing Bug that was detected on Oahu (only so far). Please keep an eye out for this pest as it has other hosts and not just banana. Photos, information, and contact details are found below.

For folks looking for information on BBTV, please visit:

<https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/PD-12.pdf>

<https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/bbtd/index.asp>

-Andrea

UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Offices was closed on the following days:

Monday, September 7th, 2020 in observance of Labor Day

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

SBA Business Recovery Workshops

SBA is hosting *free* webinars to help small business owners evaluate and reframe how to continue their business during times of uncertainty, constant change, health, safety, and economic challenges. In this live workshop, small business owners will gain insights to best practices and participate in an interactive discussion on topics such as:

- Checklist of key business challenges and issues to consider
- Identify your unique value that solves your customers' needs or issues
- Adjustments and changes needed to operate in terms of product/service, people, and process
- Update or recreate your business strategy and plan, including financial needs and resources

Register Today - 2 dates to choose from

- Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Tuesday, September 22, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

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

Hawaii County CARES Act Funding for Small Businesses

Now Open!

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.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/31UKAnO>

Great Opportunity for Business Owners!

Free Rebuild Your Business Program for Hawaii Island Businesses

Due to overwhelming response for the **Rebuild Your Business** Program announcement with Bank of Hawaii Foundation on August 31st, Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA), Hawaii Community Lending (HCL), and Ekklesia Capital announced additional seats have been opened for Hawaii County businesses and nonprofits.

The County of Hawaii will sponsor and cover all costs for business owners and nonprofit executive directors to participate. The Hawaii County training to begin September 15th.

Rebuild Your Business groups business owners and nonprofit executive directors together into Mastermind Groups of 8 where they learn from Ekklesia Capital Managing Director, David Oyadomari, and from one another on how to position their business to thrive in a post-COVID economy. At the end of the 4-week program, business owners and non-profit executives will leave with:

- A comprehensive business assessment
- 30-60-90 day action plans
- Time management, prioritization, and vision-casting tools/strategies for marketing and recurring revenue to increase cash flow
- Processes and procedures to document and automate, outsource or delegate
- Access to grants, loans, and loan guarantees to implement their action plans
- Peer network and support system of other small business owners and executive directors

Learn more about this announcement and register for an upcoming orientation or the Hawaii Island Mastermind Group at www.ekkesiacapital.com/hawaiiicounty
Limited spaces are available. Enroll today!

Available Resources for Small (County of Maui) Businesses

To view the full newsletter visit <https://bit.ly/2QJEBf6>
In this issue:

- Free Webinar: How do you know when it's time to redesign your business
- Hawaii Pacific Health Launches COVID-19 Hotline for Employers
- Please continue to utilize these resources:
 - <http://www.kamaainafirst.com/>
 - <http://www.covid19maui.com/>
 - <http://www.mauicountyvirtualjobfair.com/>
 - <https://www.mauiamericanjobcenter.com/>
 - <https://www.mauicounty.gov/2370/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Information>
 - **County of Maui COVID-19 Call Center**
The call center normal business hours are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The phone number is (808) 270-7855.
- No Cost Business Advice
- COVID-19 Transportation Related Information and Resources
- Mayor Victorino announces partnership for 'Pop-Up Makeke' Program
- Mayor Victorino announces Hawaiian music series honoring the strength of the community

Petition to Revoke Tolerances: Neonicotinoid

Aloha,

Hawai'i farmers and users, please add comments or email me if you are using any neonicotinoids. I would like to know the importance of use within your cropping system or any other comments, suggestions and/or complains.

<https://bit.ly/2QFeITd>

EPA's human health and drinking water risk assessments the neonicotinoids are contained in the dockets for each of the respective registration review cases, listed here:

- *Acetamiprid*: EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0329.
- *Clothianidin*: EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0865.
- *Dinotefuran*: EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0920.
- *Imidacloprid*: EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0844.
- *Thiamethoxam*: EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0581.

Comments **DUE August 31**

EPA seeks public comment on a May 4, 2020 petition by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) requesting that the Agency revoke all tolerances for residues of the neonicotinoid pesticides acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid, and thiamethoxam. The petitioners claim that the underlying analysis supporting these tolerances are flawed and that proper consideration of available data demonstrates that the tolerances are not safe and must be revoked. A copy of the petition is available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) in docket ID EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0306.

Deadline Approaching for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers that the deadline to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) is Sept. 11, 2020. This program provides direct relief to producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19.

Over 160 commodities are eligible for CFAP, including certain non-specialty crops, livestock, dairy, wool, specialty crops, eggs, aquaculture, and nursery crops and cut flowers. All eligible commodities, payment rates, and calculations can be found on farmers.gov/cfap.

FSA offers several options for farmers and ranchers to apply for CFAP, including a call center where employees can answer your questions and help you get started on your application. Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

With only two weeks before the deadline, now is the time to check out the resources on farmers.gov/cfap and contact the call center or your local office for your last-minute questions.

Producers have several options for applying to the CFAP program by the Sept. 11 deadline:

- Using an online portal, accessible at [gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap). This allows producers with secure USDA login credentials, known as eAuthentication, to certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications, and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center.
- Completing the application form using our CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator found at [gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap). This Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, then signed, and submitted to their local USDA Service Center.
- Downloading the AD-3114 application form from [gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap) and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically, or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment. Visit farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status to check the status of your local office.

USDA Service Centers can also work with producers to complete and securely transmit digitally signed applications through two commercially available tools: Box and OneSpan. Producers who are interested in digitally signing their applications should notify their local service centers when calling to discuss the CFAP application process. You can learn more about these solutions at farmers.gov/mydocs.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply. For existing FSA customers, these documents are likely already on file.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

COVID-19 Tips from the Hawaii State Department of Health for Worksites

WHAT TO DO IF A PERSON AT YOUR WORKSITE HAS COVID-19

If a person with COVID-19 is identified at your worksite, the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) will investigate to determine if the person was at work during their infectious period.

- If yes, HDOH will ask the individual and/or supervisor to develop a list of close contacts at the worksite during their infectious period.
- Supervisor should keep identity of individual with COVID-19 confidential
- Close contacts at the worksite are defined as being:
 - Within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer
 - In direct contact with secretions from a person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on)
- HDOH will call close contacts to inform them of the exposure. Close contacts:
 - Must stay home and monitor their health for 14 days after last contact with the person with COVID-19
 - Should call their usual health care provider if they develop symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath) and inform them that they have been exposed to a person with COVID-19
 - Should respond immediately when HDOH staff contacts them to monitor during quarantine, and notify HDOH if they develop symptoms

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION AFTER A PERSON WITH COVID-19 HAS BEEN IN THE WORKSITE

At any worksite that **DOES NOT HOUSE PEOPLE OVERNIGHT**:

- Close off any areas used for prolonged periods of time by the sick person.
- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in these areas.
- Wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfection to minimize potential for other employees being exposed to respiratory droplets. If waiting 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- Follow CDC Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations: <https://bit.ly/3hZjlyh>
- If it has been 7 days or more since the sick employee used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.

To read about other HDOH tips, visit <https://bit.ly/34TImYX>
