

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

As this is important to coffee and orchard crop clientele that I serve, I am reposting.

If you have questions about CFAP 2, there is a national call center to assist:

Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages with the team at the FSA county office.

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.

30th Annual
INTERNATIONAL
TROPICAL FRUIT GROWERS
CONFERENCE

Keeping it Local

SESSIONS

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- [Hawaii Peppercorn Propagation](#)
- [Picking Mangos](#)
- [Hawaii Master Food Preservers](#)
- [Oahu Chapter Report](#)
- [Bonus Materials](#)

SURVEY

After watching the video sessions below, please take a few moments to fill out our survey and to submit any questions ahead of our live Q&A Call.

Take the Survey

Q&A CALL

Join us for the follow-on Q&A call for the 30th Annual International Tropical Fruit Growers Conference. Join the lively discussion about the presentations and questions from yourself and other attendees.

Friday, October 2
(GMT-10:00) Hawaii/Aleutian Standard Time
9:00 – 11:00am

Join Zoom call

Click the button above or paste the address below in your browser 10mins before the call
<https://us22web.zoom.us/j/9513155727?pwd=VWpSd0ZDZjRmR2d0pGRkM0M0k4ZjZ0>

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Online Conference

View recorded presentations, take a survey after watching the videos, and join presenters and hosts for a Q&A session on Oct. 2nd from 9-11 am HST. See some topics below:

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- and more...

Visit the HTFG [2020 Conference website](https://bit.ly/3na87tM) (<https://bit.ly/3na87tM>) for other details and for Zoom connections to the Q&A session.

-Andrea

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

HTFG: Conference reminder and reminder for Zoom meeting and need to do survey

Marking three decades of promoting sustainable fruit production in the Aloha State, the 30th Hawaii International Tropical Fruit Conference is available free to the public in a new virtual format. Tune in through October 1 to a host of pre-recorded presentations by industry experts, as well as research updates and island chapter reports at <https://tinyurl.com/HTFG2020>

Offering Free Online Classes Through Coursera for Hawaii Residents

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is offering Hawai'i residents complimentary access to the Coursera online learning platform with registration open until October 31, 2020. Approved users can take their pick from more than 3,000 courses and certifications from top universities and organizations, ranging from technology to business and personal development offerings. HTDC is an agency of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) and has partnered with the TRUE Initiative to bring the Coursera Workforce Recovery Initiative to Hawai'i.

This initiative, administered through HTDC, offers educational resources to Hawai'i's workforce, especially unemployed workers, so they can equip themselves with technology skills and reposition for new career opportunities. Those currently employed or furloughed can leverage Coursera's offerings to upskill themselves and take on more advanced technology projects. A list of HTDC recommended courses for those interested in picking up technology skills can be found at <https://bit.ly/2EKhFdA>

The State has up to 5,000 online learning licenses available that provide free access to courses; approved users will have until December 31, 2020 to complete the courses they have enrolled in at no extra cost. Applicants need to be a Hawaii resident to apply.

For more information and to apply visit HTDC's website at <https://bit.ly/3j6VmO2>
Contact info@htdc.org for additional assistance.

Find more info, including an FAQ, about the Coursera Workforce Recovery Initiative at <https://bit.ly/3cCwPO0>

About Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC)

HTDC is a state agency, attached to the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). HTDC's mission is to facilitate the development and growth of Hawai'i's high technology industry. HTDC is providing capital, building infrastructure and developing talent to foster innovation and diversify Hawai'i's economy. HTDC's 80/80 Initiative is to create 80,000 new tech and

innovation jobs that will provide high paying jobs for Hawai'i residents. For more information, visit www.HTDC.org

About the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT)

DBEDT is Hawai'i's resource center for economic and statistical data, business development opportunities, energy and conservation information, and foreign trade advantages. DBEDT's mission is to achieve a Hawai'i economy that embraces innovation and is globally competitive, dynamic and productive, providing opportunities for all Hawai'i's citizens. Through its attached agencies, the department fosters planned community development, creates affordable workforce housing units in high-quality living environments, and promotes innovation sector job growth.

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Out of State Farm Workers - Sample Letter Requesting Exemption

Farm workers from another state or country need a letter of exemption to go to the fields to work or to go to another farm site. A sample letter is attached to help the host or worker submit and email letter requesting an exemption. Please contact me (Glenn) if you have any questions.

View the sample letter at <https://bit.ly/3383Ajt>

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The Latest Hānai'Ai News - Autumn 2020 Volume 39

On-line version of newsletter as well as archived issues available at: <http://bit.ly/2WUe1Rs>

In this issue:

- Guava Fruit Bagging for Bird and Fruit Fly Damage Control - <https://bit.ly/3kVFMW5>
- Making Irrigation Decisions Using Tensiometers - <https://bit.ly/2ELOsyY>
- Bagrada Bug: A Summertime Pest of Brassica - <https://bit.ly/2S8JQFW>
- Conducting a Seed Germination Test: Why and How - <https://bit.ly/3iaUW89>

- Downy Mildew Resistant Basil Variety Trials on O‘ahu: Results from 2018-2019 - <https://bit.ly/3cF2BKE>
- Upcoming Events
 - Taro Field Trial Virtual Field Day - <https://bit.ly/3cFHNmm>
 - Virtual Garlic Production Workshop - <https://bit.ly/2S9tqNL>
- Feature Farmer: Kaua‘i Glory Farm - <https://bit.ly/36fKVEc>