

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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

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

Friday, December 25th, in observance of Christmas

Friday, January 1st, in observance of New Year's day

Photos of Early Stages of Coffee Leaf Rust on Leaves

As Extension prepares a new publication about "Surveying, Sampling, and Monitoring of Coffee Leaf Rust for Early Disease Control in Hawaii", please visit www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/clr to view photos of CLR in its **EARLY** stages on coffee leaves.

EARLY SYMPTOMS of CLR - pale yellow spots with little to no visible spores; no brown, necrotic center



Spraying to Suppress Coffee Leaf Rust - Available in Ilocano & Tagalog

Visit the following links to download the pdf version:

- Ilocano - <https://bit.ly/3n6vRyy>
- Tagalog - <https://bit.ly/36YcUbv>
- Spanish - <https://bit.ly/3qV7tlw>
- English - <https://bit.ly/3oROZ3O>

Contact Andrea at andreak@hawaii.edu if you would like hard-copies of available CLR publications.

Virtual Invasive Pest Mini-Conference - Dec 15, 2020 (Tuesday @ 1:00 - 2:45 pm)

Please register on Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/3a9PqLL>

1:00 – 1:05 PM Welcome speakers and participants

1:05 – 1:30 PM Forest Birds on the Brink: Wolbachia to the Rescue? Teya Penniman, Birds, Not Mosquitoes American Bird Conservancy

1:30 – 2:00 PM Updates and New Information on Rapid Ohia Death. J. B. Friday, Komohana Research and Extension Center, University of Hawaii

2:00 – 2:05 PM Break

2:05 – 2:15 PM Updates on the Spread of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle and the Response Efforts. Kaili Kosaka and Koki Atcheson, Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response, Hawaii Department of Agriculture

2:15 – 2:25 PM Managing Invasive Rose-Ringed Parakeets on Kauai. Jane Anderson, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University - Kingsville

2:25 – 2:35 PM Managing Myoporum's Most Menacing Pest: Considerations for Naio Thrips Early Detection and Rapid Response Efforts. Nate Dube, Oahu Invasive Species Committee

2:35 – 2:45 PM The Hawaii Department of Agriculture Response to the Discovery of Coffee Leaf Rust in Hawaii. Kevin Hoffman, Hawaii Department of Agriculture

2:45 – 3:00 PM Q/A

Reminder of Coffee and Other Fruit (Tree and Fruit) Insurance Sign-up Deadline - Dec. 31

- Like health and home insurance, you must sign-up and be approved for crop insurance before a disaster strikes, like coffee leaf rust or an environmental event.
 - The deadline for signing-up for the following is Dec. 31
 - Coffee tree and fruit
 - Banana tree
 - Macadamia nut
 - Papaya tree
 - Locate an insurance agent at <https://bit.ly/3nk2iJT>
 - Just enter location: Hawaii; Click "No limit" for distance; and Select "Hawaii" for licensed in
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Hawaii Food Systems Survey

Information From Hawai'i Investment Ready and Link to the Food Systems Survey:

Given your role in the Hawai'i Food Systems, we are eager to include your unique perspective in the inaugural Hawai'i Capital Scan survey - <https://bit.ly/3a1WmBf>. Through this project, Hawai'i Investment Ready and Arizona State University seek to illuminate noteworthy funding and data gaps. The focus of this inaugural study is the Hawai'i Food Systems. We believe this will be a powerful tool to help inform the revitalization of our agricultural economy.

The Food Systems Survey, <https://bit.ly/2IFEpxb>, will take no more than 15 minutes for a respondent to complete. Please note that the survey is due back by **December 15th.**

To prepare for this survey, participants will need access to information regarding the financial products (grants/subsidies, debt, equity) their organization utilized to capitalize its startup and growth.

Also, we appreciate your kōkua in sharing the survey with other food systems folks you think we should hear from.

FSA Outreach Updates

The 2018 Farm Bill authorized alternative documentation for heirs' property operators to establish a farm number. A farm number is required to be eligible for many different USDA programs, including lending, disaster relief programs, and participation in county committees. Operators on heirs' property who cannot provide owner verification, or a lease agreement, may provide alternative documents to substantiate they are in general control of the farming operation. **Download the fact sheet** on the Heirs' Property Landowners webpage now - <https://bit.ly/3qIpHa4>

Program Deadlines Approaching! Signup for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP2) closes on December 11. Have you submitted your application? We've uncovered **10 common myths that may be holding you back from participating** - <https://bit.ly/39XxgDS>

December Deadline Reminders:

- December 11 - Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP2) Signup Ends
 - <https://bit.ly/2Lh8jZv>
- December 11 - Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program Signup Ends
 - <https://bit.ly/39W00fX>
- January 15 - Seafood Trade Relief Assistance Program (STRAP) Signup Extended
 - <https://bit.ly/3gtTQ86>

Stakeholder Resources

- FSA Heirs' Property Landowners Fact Sheet - <https://bit.ly/3oGLY6j>
 - Farm Loan Compass - <https://bit.ly/39XsWUQ>
 - NASS Profile Data Sheet on New and Beginning Producers - Nov. 2020 - <https://bit.ly/3m3HSmM>
 - State Beginning Farmer Coordinators Contact Information - <https://bit.ly/2VWzScX>
 - Getting Help at USDA Service Centers - <https://bit.ly/2VUB1lf>
 - AskUSDA - <https://bit.ly/2VYA9Mw>
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Survey of Women Farmers of Hawai'i County

Aloha,

For those of you who received my email on Friday: please use this Google form link instead of the one provided in that email. Sorry for the inconvenience and thanks so much in advance for taking time to answer these questions. It should not take more than 15 minutes to fill it out.

We are contacting women farmers in this county to learn more about their situation and needs. This is

being done in part to provide additional data to the Hawai'i Island Agriculture and Food Systems Study being conducted by the Hamakua Institute (flyer attached).

We would be very grateful if you could answer the set of 14 questions, by clicking on this link:

<https://bit.ly/3n42VXJ>

Please do respond by December 15, to meet the deadline for the Study. But if you are not able to do so within that time frame, please do anyhow send it in later, as we will be gathering this information on an ongoing basis.

As well, please do forward this to other women farmers who we are not aware of.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Warm regards, Jeannette

Jeannette Gurung, PhD
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ShopBigIsland.com

The County of Hawaii is teaming up with the Hawaii Island Visitors Bureau to create a directory for local businesses.

The directory, shopbigisland.com, will offer a searchable listing of Hawaii Island businesses, including any specials or promotions that they want to share.

The site is currently accepting registrations from businesses and will launch to the public in the coming days. To register, businesses must provide a brief description, along with contact information and links to their website or social media accounts. Businesses also have the option to share details on any current promotions.

The directory is open to a range of sectors — including accommodations, arts and entertainment, restaurants, retail and more. The only requirement is that businesses must have a physical address on Hawaii Island in order to be featured. Inclusion in the directory is free of charge to businesses.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3oxLAqo>

Western Extension Risk Management Education Center - FALL 2020 Newsletter

To view the full newsletter visit <https://bit.ly/379ynyp>

In this issue:

- The Extension Risk Management Education Program
- Preparing for Negotiation: Questions to Answer Before Meeting - Preface (pdf)
- The Impact of Covid-19 on the US Food System

- Ag In Uncertain Times (AIUT)
 - Bilingual Food Safety Training for Southeast Asian and Latino Small-Scale Farms
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