

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 day:
Friday, March 26th, in observance of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole Day

Emergency Survey: Severe weather damage assessment

Hello:

After the severe weather that has recently impacted the state and Counties, HDOA/ Market News and Analysis Branch is conducting *an emergency survey this afternoon*, of farms and ranches to determine the extent of the impact on their agricultural operations. This will help HDOA and policymakers informed about current and ongoing impacts to agricultural operations in the state and Hawaii counties.

If you can, please let me know how your farm/ranch was impacted today by 2 pm.

Please feel free to circulate this email and have other farms/ranches reply directly back to me. We hope to get as much response as we can today.

Thank you for your input in advance

Thank you,
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Dept of Ag support for local growers

Aloha all! As part of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture’s ongoing efforts to facilitate the purchase of locally produced food by State institutions, HDOA invites local agricultural producers to share product availability information with HDOA and our state-operated institutional partners (i.e. schools, hospitals, prisons). Use the link below to update information on your current and upcoming stocks of local agricultural products. Feel free to share the link with any local agricultural producers who might be interested in sharing information. Thank you for your responses!

HDOA Agricultural Producer Inquiry Form: <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/f2sform/>

Responses to the inquiry are optional. Use the linked form to provide information to State institutions on available products, upcoming harvests, and any existing surpluses that need to be brought to market quickly. Responses will be sent to food procurement personnel in the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE), the Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD), and within the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH), and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) to inform those institutions' menu and purchase planning decisions.

Hawaii Department of Agriculture will only voluntarily share this information with personnel at our institutional partners. However, HDOA has no control over this information once it has been transmitted to our institutional partners (who often purchase through distributors and may share this information with distributors). **PLEASE DO NOT SHARE INFORMATION THAT YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE GENERALLY AVAILABLE.**

Thank you!!

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News release from Dept. of Agriculture

The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas J. Vilsack, has approved Gov. David Ige's request for a Secretarial Agricultural Disaster Designation for the drought emergency in Maui County.

Gov. Ige requested the federal disaster declaration due to the prolonged drought conditions in the county which began in March 2019. In January, Gov. Ige issued an emergency proclamation declaring a drought disaster in Maui County after ranchers and farmers suffered significant economic losses, including damage caused by large numbers of axis deer migrating into agricultural and developed areas seeking food and water.

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News release from Dept. of Ag on micro-grant program

The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is now accepting applications for the Micro-Grants for Food Security Program, which provides support for small-scale gardening, herding and livestock operations to help produce food in areas that are insecure.

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