

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, April 2nd, in observance of Good Friday

Potential CEU Credits with the Priaxor Xemium Use Webinars

If you are a producer with a Restricted Use Pesticide licence and are interested in CEU credits for participation at either of the Priaxor Xemium use webinars, please contact Andrea at andreak@hawaii.edu; 415-604-1511; or 808-322-4892. HDOA is attempting to provide CEU credits for these webinars.

Please have your certified applicator's card number available.

Coffee Berry Borer and Coffee Leaf Rust 2021 Conference Registration and Agenda

Friday & Saturday, April 16 & 17, 2021

9:00 am - 12:30 pm via Zoom

The USDA-Agricultural Research Service and University of Hawaii-CTAHR invite you to participate in the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) and Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR) Conference. This is an informational event where farmers, researchers, Cooperative Extension, and other agricultural professionals can share their knowledge on managing these coffee pest and disease issues. Please join us; This event is open to all who are interested.

To view the agenda visit - <https://bit.ly/39pSCs6>

To register for the conference visit - <https://bit.ly/3m1wNV3>

HDOA: Governor's Emergency Declaration for Coffee Leaf Rust

Certified organic growers considering the use of Priaxor Xemium, can provide this declaration to their certifier/agent.

Download the Governor's Emergency Declaration at - <https://bit.ly/3fq9vqv>

HDOA: Board of Agriculture expands coffee quarantine to O'ahu and Lana'i

The Hawai'i Board of Agriculture (Board) today approved the expansion of coffee quarantine areas to include the islands of O'ahu and Lana'i due to the coffee leaf rust (CLR), a fungus that threatens Hawai'i's important coffee industry. CLR was first detected in the state in October 2020 on Hawai'i Island and Maui. In November 2020, Hawai'i Island and Maui were designated by the Board as CLR-infested areas under Plant Quarantine Interim Rule 20-1 which restricted the movement of coffee plants, plant parts and other CLR hosts from those infected islands. CLR was subsequently detected on

the islands of O`ahu and Lana`i in January 2021. Today's board action includes O`ahu and Lana`i under the interim rule in an effort to help prevent the spread of CLR to Kaua`i and Moloka`i. The quarantine restrictions for O`ahu and Lana`i go into effect tomorrow.

This interim rule does not affect the movement of roasted coffee or the export (out-of-state) shipments of coffee plants and plant parts, green coffee beans, used coffee bags, or other CLR carriers, provided that they are exported directly from a CLR-infested area and are not transshipped through a CLR uninfested area in the state. Interisland movement of regulated CLR host material may be conducted under permit issued by the Plant Quarantine Branch (PQB) of the Hawai`i Department of Agriculture (HDOA).

To continue reading visit - <https://bit.ly/3cxNMuS>

KCFA Expo - Save the Date Sunday, June 13th

As you know we've rescheduled our 13th (almost) Annual Kona Coffee and Small Farms Expo for Sunday, June 13, 2021 from 10am to 4pm and have confirmed our reservation for the Honaunau Rodeo Grounds and Pavilion on that day. Our last potential hurdle is whether Hawai`i County will begin granting permits by that time.

We are planning an event that will follow whatever Covid requirements may still be in effect on June 13th as well as expanded use of Zoom and other media such as YouTube videos to make our Expo even more accessible to all folks on the Big Island who are interested in Kona Coffee, small farms and food security.

To refresh our memory, please enjoy excerpts from this article published in the newsletter last June:

'In view of the reality of life during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, we are considering the theme of "Increased Community Resilience" on the Big Island as a driving principle for the event. Our original intention for the 2020 EXPO is still important and we remain excited about expanding the scope of the Expo to include networking and providing resources that address the concerns of all Small Farmers here in Kona.

'At this new outdoors location we can schedule multiple events including tabling and affinity group conversations in the pavilion, space for a large number of vendor/presenter tents, food vendors and speakers in the bleacher space.'

Please help us out. Volunteer to help us plan and/or help out on the day of the Expo. We are actively soliciting sponsors, vendors and presenters for Expo right now. If you have any ideas for subject areas or people or organizations you're involved with or who you think we should include, please pass the information on to me at chet@cassandrafarms.com

Please visit our Expo website at <https://konaexpo.com/>. You can view a video on the main page that will introduce you to our new Expo location.

HCA Webinars 2021 - Save the Date

HCA will be hosting webinars on **June 24 & 25** in place of the 2021 conference.

See upcoming events from HCA at: <https://hawaiicoffeeassoc.org/Events>

Important! SBA Recovery Programs

There will be an informational webinar on the **Shuttered Venue Operating Grant (SVOG) Program**, a \$16B assistance program for live venue operators, on March 30.

Register at - <https://bit.ly/3sBqRVb>

SVOG will open for applications on April 8.

For FAQ's on the program - <https://bit.ly/2O4rAiN>

The **Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)**, which will provide \$29B for food service operations and which could have a significant impact on West Hawaii restaurants will hopefully be open next month, but program guidance is not yet available.

Please note that the SVOG definitely and the RRF, probably, will require pre-registration in SAM, the government's System for Award Management, in order to process payments. Registration can take up to several weeks to process.

Applicants seeking to apply should register in SAM NOW to avoid delay.

HI Labor Press Release April 2021

HONOLULU, HI, – Mar. 29, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its biannual Agricultural Labor Survey during the second half of April. The survey will collect information about hired labor from more than 1,900 Hawaii farmers and ranchers.

"The beginning of the year is the time when agricultural producers plan out the rest of their growing seasons and it is a great time to assess on-farm labor needs," said NASS Hawaii State Statistician Shawn Clark. "The data that farm operators provide through NASS's Agricultural Labor Survey allow federal policymakers to base farm labor policies on accurate information."

USDA and the U.S. Department of Labor use statistics gathered in the Agricultural Labor Survey to establish minimum wage rates for agricultural workers, administer farm labor recruitment and placement service programs, and assist legislators in determining labor policies.

In the survey, NASS asks participants to answer a variety of questions about hired farm labor on their operations, including total number of hired farm workers, the total hours worked, and total base and gross wages paid for the weeks of January 10-16 and April 11-17. Survey participants can respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

To continue reading visit <https://bit.ly/3rzaSWk>

Local Foods - Still time to respond

Farmers and ranchers still have time to respond to their 2020 Local Food Marketing Practices Survey, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). NASS will continue to accept responses until May to ensure an accurate picture of U.S. local and regional food systems. "The Local Food Marketing Practices Survey is conducted in support of the

growing demand for 21st century local and regional food systems," said Gary R. Keough, director of the NASS Pacific Regional Office. "The data are vital to understanding the many benefits and trends of this sector. They will inform industry decisions and assist producers, researchers, policymakers, USDA officials, and more. NASS is committed to giving producers every opportunity to be counted in this special study." Over the next several weeks, NASS will follow-up with additional mailings and phone calls to farmers and ranchers who have not yet responded. Producers are encouraged to complete their questionnaire online at www.agcounts.usda.gov, by mail, or phone as soon as possible. All information collected will be used for statistical purposes only and published on the NASS website in aggregate form this November. The 2020 Local Food Marketing Practices Survey is part of the Census of Agriculture program and as such is required by federal law. These federal laws require producers to respond and USDA to keep identities and answers confidential.

To sign up and be counted for the upcoming 2022 Census of Agriculture, visit www.agcounts.usda.gov/getcounted

To learn more about NASS and the Local Foods Marketing Practices Survey, visit www.nass.usda.gov/go/local-food

If you have questions or difficulty completing your survey, please call toll-free 888-424-7828.

April 2021 - The Independent Voice Newsletter

To view the full newsletter visit - <https://bit.ly/3fpEeny>
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FSA Outreach Updates

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA is establishing new programs and efforts to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions. The new initiative—USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers—will reach a broader set of producers than in previous COVID-19 aid programs. USDA is dedicating at least \$6 billion toward the new programs. The Department will also develop rules for new programs that will put a greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers, specialty crop and organic producers, timber harvesters, as well as provide support for the food supply chain and producers of renewable fuel, among others. Existing programs like the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)

will fall within the new initiative and, where statutory authority allows, will be refined to better address the needs of producers.

4 Parts Announced Today: For details visit - <https://bit.ly/2PC0YGc>

- CFAP 2 Eligible Commodities - <https://bit.ly/39ridB3>
- CFAP 1 Cattle Payment Rate Increase - <https://bit.ly/3u24Lvm>

Program Deadlines Approaching!

- March 31 - Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) - <https://bit.ly/3ry5TFt>
- April 9 - Quality Loss Adjustment Program (QLA) - <https://bit.ly/2PzrEHD>

New FSA National Leadership

- Zach Ducheneaux named FSA Administrator - <https://bit.ly/3fnkVLR>
- Marcus Graham named Field Operations Deputy Administrator - <https://bit.ly/2O46zEN>

Stakeholder Resources

- **FACT SHEET:** USDA Provisions in American Rescue Plan - <https://bit.ly/3dlVqbf>
 - FSA Heirs' Property Landowners Fact Sheet - <https://bit.ly/3m3sPLE>
 - Emergency Designations - <https://bit.ly/3dn01tM>
 - State Beginning Farmer Coordinators Contact Information - <https://bit.ly/3w5jiZf>
 - Getting Help at USDA Service Centers - <https://bit.ly/3rwjRYw>
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