

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Congratulations to the organizers, volunteers, supporters, and the winners of the district and state-wide cupping competition of the 2021 Hawaii Coffee Association Conference!

Upcoming industry conferences/annual meetings:

Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association - July 10; Hilo - REGISTER TODAY - <https://bit.ly/3ACugay>

See the agenda here - <https://bit.ly/3Av7zW5>

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers - October 8-9; Maui, See below for registration and info.

Reminder of unregistered coffee pesticide use:

The label is the law. Please do not use any products on coffee trees that do not have "coffee" specifically on the label. Pesticides such as Tilt and Orkestra are not legal to use on coffee grown in Hawaii. The crop intended to be sprayed, must be on the label and the product must be approved by HDOA for its legal use in Hawaii. Follow all label directions when using organic and non-organic pesticides.

Phytotoxicity from 70% Isopropyl Alcohol:

When disinfecting or spraying around coffee and other trees, be aware that 70% isopropyl alcohol can cause phytotoxicity or burning of the leaves and subsequent leaf drop. Other plants could be affected too. Spray away from trees and use approved fungicide products if attempting to control coffee leaf rust and other plant diseases.



New publications:

CTAHR and Coffee in Hawai'i 1986 to 2017 - <https://bit.ly/2TypWJ3>

Hawai'i Tea Growers' Survey - <https://bit.ly/3jQAAoX>

Spraying to Suppress Coffee Leaf Rust (*Hemileia vastatrix*) in Hawai'i - <https://bit.ly/3yvAIOQ>

Major Weeds in Pineapple Fields of Hawai'i - <https://bit.ly/36kAo9A>

-Andrea

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:
Monday, July 5th, in observance of Independence Day

How to Write a Business Plan

Would you ever start on a journey not knowing where you were going?

You'd need a map or at least a plan on how to get where you want to go. That's what a Business Plan is for your business. It's to layout the how and where you are going to go with your business, with words and numbers. Business Plans will help you focus your vision, communicate it to lenders and other business partners, and test drive it for any flaws you need to correct.

Learn how to:

- develop a mission
- outline a marketing plan
- project your sales and expenses
- plan your staffing

All in the format of a Business Plan: a map guiding you to business success.

Overwhelming? Maybe. One foot in front of the other; you'll get there.

Thursday, July 15, 2021

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Online - \$15

Register Now Visit - <https://bit.ly/3xeBQ9s>

FREE Virtual Workshop 7/21/21: "How to Use Zoom as a Presenter"

Wed., July 21, 2021 - 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

To register visit - <https://bit.ly/3hXiT4>

The Zoom platform has become a part of our daily lives in business since COVID-19. We all need to understand how to use meeting platforms like Zoom, to meet with clients, connect with groups, or plan events. This training will show you the basics so you can feel more confident hosting your own meetings. It's a packed training get ready!

You will learn:

- Schedule a Meeting
- Customize Meeting Options

- Invite Attendees
 - Video and Volume Controls
 - Change Your Background
 - Share your Screen (Allowing others to share)
 - Troubleshoot for Attendees
 - Chat Box - do's and don'ts
 - How to View Videos, Slides, and Photos
 - Q&A
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Bird and Bee Hawaii present: The Art of Beekeeping

A 4-part Class on Beekeeping for Beginning Beekeepers
***Deposit Due July 20th

July 31st, August 7th, 14th, and 21st, 2021
11 AM - 3 PM
Honokaa, Hawaii
Cost: \$135 for Materials & \$250 for Tuition
Maximum 8 Students

Participants will learn the following:

- The Basics of the honeybee hive
- Hive management
- Hive equipment construction and maintenance
- Pests of the Hive
- Products of the Hive
- How to extract honey and use extraction equipment

For more information please call 808-936-6029 or email birdandbeehawaii@gmail.com

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Conference - Oct 8-9

“Mango Makers and Food Preservers” is the title of the 31st Hawaii International Tropical Fruit Conference October 8-9 at the Maui County Business Resource Center. The 2021 conference will be both in-person and virtual and continue with mini-sessions and tours in Molokai, Oahu, Kauai, Hilo and Kona October 10-14.

Geared to farmers, educators, orchard managers and proponents of sustainable agriculture, the multi-day conference is presented by the statewide Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers (HTFG) and open to the public. Videos for 2021 presentations will be posted at htfg.org.

The 2021 conference offers a lineup of visiting researchers and agro experts sharing information and leading engaging breakout sessions on a variety of fruit-related topics. Attendees will be able to log into discussions on the Tatura trellis system, avocados, advanced dehydration and canning methods,

propagation techniques and unusual fruits with future economic potential.

Steve Brady will give the keynote, "The World of Mangos" with Jane Tai and HTFG Executive Director Ken Love offering a presentation on "Processing and Utilizing Your Fruit to Develop Award-Winning, Value-Added Products." A tour with farmer Jordan Longman at the HTFG Repository will cover fruit fly trap making and pruning techniques utilized in Australia and Japan.

A retired internist, Brady has been collecting and growing all sorts of tropical and exotic fruit for over six decades. He helped found the Naples Botanical Garden and was curator of its Tropical Fruit and Edible Plants Collection. A resident of the Sunshine State, Brady teaches an annual class on mangos for the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Science as well as training classes for master gardeners.

The conference is made possible with the support of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, County of Kauai and HTFG members from across the state.

Registration forms and fee schedule are available at www.HTFG.org or by contacting Love at kenlove@hawaiiantel.net or Mark Suiso at mark.suiso@gmail.com. The Maui County Business Resource Center is located at 110 Alaihi St. in Kahului.

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers

Marking its 32nd year, HTFG was incorporated in 1989 to promote tropical fruit grown in Hawaii. It is a statewide association of tropical fruit growers, packers, distributors and hobbyists dedicated to tropical fruit research, education, marketing and promotion; www.HTFG.org.

Job Announcement: USDA-ARS - Biological Science Technician

Open & closing dates: 07/02/2021 to 07/15/2021

Service: Competitive

Pay scale & grade: GS 6

Salary: \$40,534 to \$52,694 per year

Appointment type: Term

Work schedule: Full-time

Location: Hilo, HI

View the full job posting - <https://bit.ly/3qK1fFm>

KCFA: CBB Subsidy Extended

Aloha Members,

After a recent (July 1st) meeting with Senator Kanuha regarding agriculture, including the topics of organics and Kona coffee, it was with great relief that an email was then received from his office which showed that Governor Ige had signed (on June 30) into law the legislation referred to as SB855.

This (SB855) was the effort of KCFA and others, to extend the CBB subsidy program for another two years, and to add to the program a CLR input pesticide subsidization for 2022 and 2023. We must acknowledge Senator Kanuha, and other legislators, for their support.

Thrilled to also have the Governor support on this, our work continues forth. Let's encourage our Representatives to recognize that for many, CLR input support must include fertilizers. We must begin with tree health. Many farmers cannot, and will not, simply apply everything on a list (for reasons ranging from cost, to time, to environmental and/or human health concerns, some of which are not even covered by EPA exemptions).

Work also continues with HDOA, who separates pesticides from fertilizer; we will try to come up with a means for future subsidies to be smooth for the farmers. We also will try to help legislators better understand what happens on-the-ground with small-scale coffee farmers' decision-making, by potentially hosting a visit to Kona by some, or many of them, to see our post-pandemic realities. Please watch the Independent Voice for reports on these efforts, in the next few months.

Thank you all in advance; stay strong. Together we shall overcome both COVID19, as well as the pests and diseases which we face as farmers.

Sincerely,

Colehour Bondera, Board President

Commercial Agricultural Expansion Survey

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), in cooperation with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, will conduct a Commercial Agricultural Expansion Survey during the summer of 2021. The survey will assess Hawaii agricultural producers' interest in expanding their commercial production and identify barriers to expansion from more than 1,100 Hawaii farmers and ranchers. Funding for this project was made possible by an appropriation from the Hawaii State Legislature in 2020 to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

"The pandemic has renewed Hawaii's efforts to increase food self-sufficiency and improve its current level of food security," said NASS Hawaii State Statistician Shawn Clark. "The Hawaii Department of Agriculture will utilize the results in guiding government policies and developing financial assistance programs to assist commercial producers in expanding agriculture production."

In the survey, NASS asks participants to answer a variety of questions about their business profile, barriers to expansion, impact of expansion on the agricultural and state economy, and interest in expansion. Survey participants can respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

In accordance with federal law, survey responses are kept confidential. Survey results will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will compile, analyze, and publish survey results in the *Commercial Agricultural Production Expansion* report to be published in late October. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Hawaii Field Office at (808) 522-8080.

ADSC update

“We apologize for the inconvenience. The laboratory that performs plant tissue/feed forage/water, nitrogen, total carbon and heavy metals analysis will be temporarily closed and will not be accepting samples from Wednesday, July 14th through Tuesday, July 20th. Plant tissue/feed and forage/water analysis received by Tuesday, July 13, 2021 will be processed as usual. The ADSC will resume accepting plant tissue/feed and forage and water samples on Wednesday, July 21, 2021.”

Mahalo - 0617 Virtual Invasive Pest Mini-Conference

Thank you to those who attended 0617 Virtual Invasive Pest Mini-Conference 2021. It's my pleasure to have you in this meeting with some valuable talks on potential invasive pests for Hawaii. Special thanks to the speakers - Anne Nielsen, Chrissy Mogren, Surendra Dara, and Mike Melzer.

Here is the link to the mini-conference video just in case you have missed this meeting. A chat note is also attached.

- <https://bit.ly/3w40Q1J>

Looking forward to the next mini-conference.

Sincerely,

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The Latest HānaiʻAi News: April-May-June 2021 - Volume 42

Visit the SOAP website to view all issues of HānaiʻAi - <http://bit.ly/2WUe1Rs>
In this issue:

- Sustainable & Organic Research & Outreach News
 - Revitalized Degraded Soil in the Tropic with Energy Sorghum
 - Pigeon Pea: A Multipurpose N-Fixing Border Crop
 - Tropical Cyclone Emergency Management for Farmers
 - Basil Variety Trial: Beetle Susceptibility, Flowering and Internode Traits
 - "Farmers' Perceived Needs of Extension's Support During COVID-19 in Hawai'i" published by members of CTAHR's Food Systems Working Group
- Publications & Programs
 - Greenhouse and Nursery Sanitation Tools, Equipment, Workers, and Visitors
 - CTAHR and Coffee in Hawai'i 1986 - 2017
 - Major Weeds in Pineapple Fields of Hawai'i
 - Care For Your Garden - Use Green Manure and Cover Crops
- Other CTAHR Publications & Programs
 - Grow, Eat, Think Local
 - GET Local Virtual Cooking Challenge 2021
- Livestock Walaʻau Podcast
- Beginning Farmers - Helpful articles and resources for those getting started
 - Sheep and Goat Production

- Funding for Women-owned Small Businesses
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July 2021 The Independent Voice

To view the full newsletter visit - <https://bit.ly/3h9TNAu>

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- Kona Coffee \$13.1 Million Deception Settlements Get Final OK
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 - Cultural Management of CLR
 - KCFA Website Report
 - The 2022 Legislative Session
 - Coffee and Liver Disease
 - Ecolabelling to Improve Profits
 - Salute to Supporting Member: Holualoa Village Ohana
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What's New on the RMA Website June 26 - July 2, 2021

See what's new on the RMA Website - <https://bit.ly/369bN7H>
