

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

Volume 7-2, July 2021

Dear Growers and Friends,

Please join us on Maui at the Kula Ag Park for a few upcoming events:

- **Sprayer calibration** field day for handheld sprayers used on coffee and other orchard crops - Thurs., Aug. 26 at 9:30-11:30 am
- **Worker protection standard (WPS)** in-person training workshop - Fri., Aug. 27 at 9:00-10:00 am
- **Coffee leaf rust (CLR)** in-person talk story - (following the WPS workshop) Fri., Aug. 27 at 10:30-11:45 am

Registration, masks and social distancing is required. Please click the flyers below for additional details and to register for each event.

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Contact info: (808)551-6887 or lekehutc1@gmail.com

-Andrea

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

Away from the Office

I will be away from the office from July 18-26. Please anticipate that responses to emails and messages will be delayed.

If you have a farm emergency, please contact Hawaii County Administrator, Susan Miyasaka, at (808)969-8258 or miyasaka@hawaii.edu.

For home owner garden questions:

Master Gardeners will be available from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Kona and

from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Mondays and Fridays in Hilo (875 Komohana Street) to assist home owners. The MG hotline in Kona is 808-322-4893 and in Hilo is 808-981-5199.

-Andrea

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.

Join us for a step-by-step walk through of the essential elements of a business plan.

Business Plan: a map guiding you to business success.

Overwhelming? Maybe. Put 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 - <https://bit.ly/3i14PY3>

TPSS Master's Thesis Proposal Seminar - Benjamin Wiseman

Evaluating the influence of maturity and 1-MCP on postharvest quality maintenance of breadfruit.

- **Monday, July 19, 2021**
 - **10:30 am - 11:30 am**
 - Join Zoom Meeting - <https://bit.ly/3hBIDpg>
 - **Meeting ID: 952 3162 3747**
 - **Passcode: 17C7G4**
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FREE Virtual Workshops 7/21/21 & 7/22/21

How to Use Zoom as a Presenter

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

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

To register visit - <https://bit.ly/3iikxhF> - or call (808)553-8100

"5 Ways to Politely Tell a Customer No"

When: Thursday, July 22, 2021

Time: 9:00 am - 10:15 am

Where: Virtually on Zoom

Telling a customer no is never ideal, but there are occasions when you would have to say no. Maybe the customer asked for a product you don't offer, or made an unreasonable request. This workshop will cover 5 ways to politely tell a customer no.

To register visit - <https://bit.ly/3hZtKv3> - or call (808)553-8100

PPP Forgiveness Application - Best Practices

The Hawaii SBDC and Small Business Administration invite you to a PPP Forgiveness Application webinar. The one-hour session will review the PPP loan forgiveness application process and highlight key points in calculating and documenting eligible non-payroll costs.

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Register: <http://go.hawaii.edu/krP>

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.

Registration forms and fee schedule are available at www.HTFG.org or by contacting Ken Love at kenlove@hawaiiantel.net or Mark Suiso at mark.suiso@gmail.com.

HDOA CBB Pesticide Subsidy Program

The new application is open for the CBB Pesticide Subsidy Program for BotaniGard/Mycotrol receipts from 7/1/20 - 6/30/21.

Please start your application here: <https://bit.ly/2UKXjZ6>

The program is preparing the new CLR Pesticide Subsidy. If you have receipts for HDOA - approved CLR on Coffee in HI pesticides from this last year, please wait a couple months before beginning your application, so we can process both at the same time.

The current spray list will be available on the above website.

For new farmers, the program is a 50% annual reimbursement for your *Beauveria bassiana* product receipts up to \$600 per acre of \$6,000 per farmer. Please see our website to select the easiest way for your farm business to apply.

Melanie Bondera
CBB Subsidy Program
Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Phone: 808-323-7578

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 226

Captain Cook, HI 96704

Physical address:

82-6130 Mamalahoa Hwy, Room # 7
Captain Cook, HI 96704

Green Coffee Needed for 2021 SCA Expo

Your HCA representatives are busily preparing for the largest specialty coffee expo in the US - the Specialty Coffee Association Expo - and we'd love to share the coffees you've produced with attendees! This is an important opportunity to showcase Hawaii's specialty coffees, attract leads and green coffee buyers to the Hawaii coffee market.

We're seeking your coffee donations to be served at the HCA booth, Savor Brand's booth, and display booths of partner organizations and manufacturers.

What we need:

- Donations between 3 lb-10 lb of green coffee
- Origins: Kona, Ka'u, Maui, Kauai, Hamakua, Oahu, Puna, Molokai
- Natural process, honey process, carbonic maceration, yeast, or washed
- Distinct varieties: typica, caturra, bourbon, geisha, etc.
- From the 2020/2021 harvest season
- Must be green/ unroasted

Please note: we cannot promote individual growers at this time, only the features of the coffee itself. For instance, a carbonic maceration from Kauai.

Please reply with the coffee you are donating by July 15th.

Mahalo!

Hawaii Coffee Association SCA Booth Planning Committee

Preliminary Results from Hawaii Ant Lab's Pyganic Field Trial for LFA Control

Preliminary results from the Hawaii Ant Lab's field trial suggest the use of PyGanic® Crop Protection EC 1.4 II, at the reported application rate, as a pre-harvest treatment, is **not a viable solution** to protect workers from getting stung while harvesting the crop.

The takeaways:

1. Pyganic (and likely other contact insecticides) does kill LFA on contact
2. Despite this, it does not kill the colony and new foragers take the place of the dead within 24h
3. Even though foliage was treated, it had little effect on the number of ants in the foliage which is the main problem for pickers.

The good news is that we now can recommend Firefighter Fire Ant Bait in coffee, as we were finally granted the SLN. For more information, please see our website: <https://bit.ly/36yPkRG>

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Mahalo,

Heather Forester
Hawaii Ant Lab, Extension Specialist
16 East Lanikaula Street, Hilo, HI 96720

For more information visit: www.littlefireants.com

Hawaii Coffee Association - Virtual Conference

Please join us for these informative sessions in which we will share the most current information on each featured topic. The industry and the conditions in which we operate are changing rapidly. 2020 was the year of COVID and CLR. 2021 represents the year in which we have an opportunity to successfully emerge from these multilayered crises.

View the HCA Conference website - <https://bit.ly/3wA0W1i>

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Receive Money Back for Costs Incurred for Transporting Ag Commodities or Inputs - Enrollment Period Begins for USDA's Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Hawaii opened enrollment today for the Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program (RTCP) for fiscal year 2021. The enrollment period begins July 12 and will run through Sept. 3. "RTCP helps U.S. farmers and ranchers offset a portion of the cost of transporting agricultural products over long distances," said Shirley Nakamura, Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting State Executive Director. "This program helps U.S. farmers and ranchers outside the 48 contiguous states who are at a competitive disadvantage when transporting agriculture products to market."

The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 reauthorized RTCP and allows farmers and ranchers in Alaska, **Hawaii** and insular areas including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Virgin Islands of the United States, Federated

States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau, to recover any costs to transport agricultural commodities or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity.

RTCP payments are calculated based on the costs incurred for transportation of the agricultural commodity or inputs during a 12-month period, subject to an \$8,000 per producer cap per fiscal year. If claims for payments exceed the funds available from the program for a fiscal year, payments will be reduced on a pro-rata basis.

Farmers and ranchers interested in participating in RTCP can obtain applications and other documents by calling toll-free 1-866-794-1079.

Development Corner: CTAHR HI Island Research Stations 2020 Accomplishments

Here's the link to Development Corner: CTAHR HI Island Research Stations 2020 Accomplishments

- <https://bit.ly/3wmJY6H>
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Western IPM Newsletters: June & July 2021

View the June newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3r61iM1>

View the July newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3wzMkiB>
