

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers & Friends,

USDA's Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment (RTCP) Program for Hawaii Producers

Do you transport agricultural commodities and have costs for transport? Do you have transport costs for inputs related to producing your agricultural commodity? If so, please check out this RTCP program. After applying, you could receive reimbursement (subsidy) payments for costs incurred.

View the USDA RTCP fact sheet here - <https://bit.ly/2VhRwuD>

Pesticide Applicator & Certification Training (PACT) Meeting This Past Week

I wanted to share some handouts, information and resources that I acquired during a PACT meeting last week that I thought might be of interest to growers in Hawaii. Mention of a trademark or proprietary name does not constitute an endorsement, guarantee, or warranty by the University of Hawaii Cooperative Extension Service or its employees and does not imply recommendations to the exclusion of other suitable products.

Ag Health and Safety Resources - online posters, brochures and handouts for health and safety for farmers, tractor and ATV safety, heat illness prevention and more.

- <https://bit.ly/3ibxR8D>

GoatThroat Pumps - prevents spills, drips, and vapors and make dispensing safe and easier.

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

Pollinators and Pesticide Education (<https://bit.ly/2TJ80vl>) - read about protecting pollinators by reading and following pesticide labels and minimizing pesticide exposure risk to bees here - <https://bit.ly/375mUyY>

Please stay healthy and safe!

-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 days:

Friday, August 20th, in observance of Statehood Day

Grafted Coffee Trees for Sale - Big Island Only

Proceeds support Kona Extension's coffee and orchard crops program.

'Typica' scion grafted onto *C. liberica* 'Fukunaga' or 'Arnoldiana' rootstock coffee trees are for sale.

Most of these trees have been topped to reduce plant height and strengthen the vertical, and are currently sprouting new shoots just below where they were snipped. They are ready to be planted.

We require the return of the pots and racks as soon as the trees are planted so they can be reused for other projects.

Purchase is on a first come, first serve basis. These trees are greenhouse grown. All sales are final. Absence of coffee leaf rust and other pests or diseases is not guaranteed. Purchase and plant at your own risk.

Contact Andrea at andreak@hawaii.edu if you are interested.

To see photos of the trees visit - <https://bit.ly/2VlgskU>

Hawaii SBDC Presents: Google Webinar: Create Youtube Videos that Attract New Customers

Video is one of the most powerful tools that small businesses can use to reach more customers and inspire them to purchase. Whether you're thinking about making your first DIY video, or cranking out your 20th video, there are creative styles, techniques and best practices that anyone can learn to create more compelling content.

In this special creative workshop hosted by Youtube and Grow with Google, we'll review a few different styles, hear from a few experts, and get you started on the way to shooting an engaging video to beautifully showcase your product, your business, and even you!

Date: Thursday, July 29th, 2021

Time: 9 am - 10:30 am

Fee: FREE!

Registration required by July 28th, 2021 at <http://go.hawaii.edu/j8P>

For more details contact 933-0776

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

Upcoming Opportunities & Events

Creative Media Open House

Learn about program pathways & talk story w/ art 107D: Intro to Digital Photography instructor, Zack Socher.

July 20, 2021 - 5:00 pm

UHMC Molokai - Room 107 or join via Zoom

Email amandaos@hawaii.edu or call (808)553-4490, option 6.

UH Maui College Presents: Ag 101 Home Gardening

CRN: 45473

Instructor: Kali Arce

Saturday, 8 am - 12 pm

August 23 - December 17

Scholarships available from Sust-‘Āina-ble Molokai!

For more information email amandaos@hawaii.edu or call 553-4490

Hana Career Pathways - Trades Pre-Apprenticeship

For Molokai and Maui Students! This 6-week course prepares students to apply for trades apprenticeship programs and pathways including online math exam prep modules and lab sessions. Students will earn Forklift, OSHA 10 and First Aid/CPR Certifications (exam fees included in tuition).

Apply online: uhcc.hawaii.edu/reimagine

UHMC, Molokai presents:

Basic Carpentry Skills (CO)

Energy Production (CO)

Take advantage of our 2 certificate offerings for the upcoming Fall and Spring Semesters! These courses are also part of other UHMC certificate pathways, including Construction Technology & Sustainable Technology.

For more information contact amandaos@hawaii.edu or call (808)553-4490.

STATEWIDE: Hawaii Island Food Summit - July 29-30 // REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Aloha kākou,

We hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the summer! We wanted to extend a warm invitation to join the **4th Annual Hawai'i Island Community Food Summit** hosted by the Hawai'i Island Food Alliance (HIFA) and County of Hawai'i, taking place virtually and in-person from July 29th - August 1st. As part of the summit, we hope you can also participate in the HIAP-led session below which will highlight recommendations generated from the system study completed earlier this year and how they are being progressed collectively with partners across the island.

- **Session:** *Turning Insight into Action - Next Steps from the Hawai'i Island Agriculture and Food System Study*
- **Date:** Thursday, July 29th
- **Time:** 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm HST
- **Description:** For those interested in making our food and agriculture system work better, join us for a discussion on how the Hawai'i Island Agriculture Partnership (HIAP) and its partners are addressing challenges within the island's agri-food system by building a better understanding of its interdependent components and establishing new initiatives to work together for strengthening them.
- **Panelists:**
 - Zach Larsen - Owner, Hilo Food Hub
 - Angela Dean - CEO & Managing Director, Hawai'i Agricultural Labor Solutions
 - Michele Padayao & Cody Chapin - Co-Founders, Big Island Made
 - Dennis Flemming - Executive Director, Hamakua Institute

To register and see a full list of event details visit - <https://bit.ly/3l2HoAt>

Employer Retention Tax Credits

The CARES Act established a tax credit program for employers who retained employees on the job in 2020 and the American Rescue Plan dramatically liberalized that program both in terms of the dollars available for employers and the time in which they can be claimed. Come hear the details of how this very generous program might benefit your company.

Presenter: Lelah Martinez, IRS Sr. Stakeholder Liaison

Tuesday, Aug 3, 2021

9:00 am - 10:00 am

\$15

On-line Webinar

Register here - <https://bit.ly/3BOzErR>

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Conference

“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.

What's New at #CoffeeExpo2021?

Announcing the Expo Lecture Series Line Up

Our renowned lecture series is back! A full schedule of educational lectures and panels will be open to attendees, focused within the six topics:

- Sustainability
- Science & Innovation
- Coffee Farming & Processing
- Roasting & Retailing
- Humanities & Social Science
- Trading & Commerce

Lecture proposals are carefully reviewed and selected by a diverse panel. Each session was selected to ensure high quality and relevance, with a commitment to keep the lectures space focused on learning, as opposed to the sale of products or services. Lectures offer an excellent source of knowledge within our community and a unique opportunity to see the current issues and innovations impacting our industry and communities. View the full schedule of lectures that are included with the purchase of an Expo badge - <https://bit.ly/3zMmg5T>

- **Discover NOLA** - <https://bit.ly/372JojY>
- **Get Your Early Bird Ticket** - <https://bit.ly/3y8kLyh>
- **Miir Reuse Cup Program** - <https://bit.ly/3x8aDo2>
- **Who's Exhibiting** - <https://bit.ly/3lap88i>
- **Hotel and Travel** - <https://bit.ly/3zN0z mh>

Coffee Leaf Rust Confirmed on Kaua'i and Moloka'i

The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) has confirmed the detection of coffee leaf rust (CLR) on Kaua'i and Moloka'i. The serious coffee plant pathogen has now been found on all major Hawaiian Islands.

On June 28, 2021, a commercial coffee grower in Kilauea, Kaua'i, reported a possible CLR infection. HDOA collected samples and CLR was confirmed on July 9, 2021. Preliminary assessments indicate that CLR had been on Kaua'i for at least six months.

On June 14, 2021, HDOA staff conducted a survey of feral coffee plants on Moloka'i. A low-level infestation was detected on two coffee plants in a field of 50 wild coffee plants in Kaunakakai and CLR was confirmed on June 23, 2021. Subsequent surveys detected more infestations on the east side of the island. It is estimated that the infestation on the east side had been there for at least three months.

Continue reading the news release here - <https://bit.ly/3zJz5ho>

USDA Designates Hawaii County, Hawaii, as a Primary Natural Disaster Area

This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through emergency loans. Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (see <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Hawaii and Pacific Basin Producers Have Until Aug. 2 to Submit FSA County Committee Nominations

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages all farmers, ranchers, and FSA program participants to take part in the Hawaii and Pacific Basin County Committee election nomination process.

FSA's county committees are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA and allow grassroots input and local administration of federal farm programs.

Committees are comprised of locally elected agricultural producers responsible for the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs for their counties. Committee members are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. If elected, members become part of a local decision making and farm program delivery process.

To continue reading visit - <https://bit.ly/3i5O1jz>

USDA FPAC July Newsletter for Hawaii and the Pacific Basin

To view the full newsletter visit - <https://bit.ly/373tBSb>

In this issue:

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 - Federal Relief Resources for Renters and Landlords
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