

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

Volume 10-1, October 2021

Dear Growers and Friends,

This Sunday (Oct. 10) marks 10 years of working with Cooperative Extension and with Hawaii's coffee and orchard crop producers, stakeholders, researchers, and our government leaders! Thank you ALL, for your encouragement and patience, support for my outreach program, and for sharing your mana'o with me through the years!

Mahalo to our hard working, dedicated farmers, farm managers and workers, and producers of Hawaii's specialty crops which help to feed, nourish, and awaken the mind, body, and soul. Together, we have not only impacted our local community, but the world. I look forward to our continued friendships, collaborations, farm visits, events, and projects.

Cheers to another 10 years and to farming and learning together!

-Andrea

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

Kauai CBB and CLR Workshop

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Virtual via Zoom

Please register at <https://bit.ly/3C7MAZd>

31st Annual Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Conference: Mango Makers & Food Preservers

View the conference site at: <https://www.htfg.org/2021conference>

- 2021 Conference Videos
 - 2021 Conference Downloads
 - Live Video Q&A (Tue. October 19th, 10 AM HST)
-

Kauai CBB and CLR Workshop

October 13, 2021 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom

Please register at <https://bit.ly/3C7MAZd>

USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 - Deadline soon!

USDA is providing critical support to our nation's farmers and ranchers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2). CFAP 2 provides vital financial assistance to agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19. See the factsheet: <https://bit.ly/2YG9jgR>

Signup deadline is **October 12, 2021**.

Specialty crops are eligible - <https://bit.ly/300mfys>

Visit <https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus/pandemic-assistance/cfap2> to apply and for additional information.

CBED Loan Program for Business Expansion

The Community Based Economic Development program (<https://bit.ly/3mDyokt>) at the Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) offers loans to eligible small businesses that support economic development in their communities.

"We strive to help small businesses develop viable, sustainable business ventures that serve local needs and are compatible with the vision, character and cultural values of their communities."

Attend this webinar to learn the details about the CBED Loan Program.

Wednesday, October 13

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Zoom Webinar

Registration is required, sign up here - <https://bit.ly/3anMP6O>

Preparing Your Business for Inflation and Protecting Your Profit Margins - Webinar

Webinar: Friday, Oct. 15

9:30-11:30

Fee: \$15

These past few years year have made us all very aware that we need to be ready for changes in our business environment. Worse, it seems that we have no control over these forces. One of these is inflation, the focus of this webinar. Inflation is a reality that looks as if it will have an increasing impact on our businesses. There are things that we can do to be proactive and prepare for these challenges. Come and hear from Economist Yan Cui.

- What is inflation?
- How has inflation impacted our world?
- What are best practices in our small businesses to stay ahead of any turbulence?

Register Here - <https://bit.ly/3ABvnXb>

Questions? West Hawai'i Small Business Development Center | 808.333.5000 | www.hisbdc.org
73-970 Makako Bay Drive (NELHA/OTEC Campus) Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740

31st Annual Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Conference: Mango Makers & Food Preservers

View the conference site at <https://bit.ly/2YyHUNn>

- 2021 Conference Videos
 - 2021 Conference Downloads
 - Live Video Q&A (Tue. October 19th, 10 AM HST)
-

Kona Coffee Cultural Festival

Thursday, November 4 – 7, 2021

Visit <https://konacoffeefest.com> for all event information.

8th Annual Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County Festival

Friday, November 5, 2021 & Saturday, November 6, 2021

Visit <https://www.madeinmauicountyfestival.com> for more event info.

HI Ag Labor Survey News Release - October 2021

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Survey (NASS) will conduct its biannual Agricultural Labor Survey in October. The survey will collect information about hired labor from more than 600 Hawaii farmers and ranchers. NASS will compile, analyze, and publish survey results Nov. 24 in the *Farm Labor* report on the NASS website.

"Agricultural labor data are critical in helping producers when hiring workers and estimate expenses," said NASS Hawaii State Statistician Shawn Clark. "The data that farm operators provide through NASS's Agricultural Labor Survey also allow federal policymakers to base farm labor policies on accurate information."

Continue reading at: <https://bit.ly/3oBPYba>

STATEWIDE: Hawai'i Organic Growers Must Apply for Organic CostShare by Nov. 1, 2021

Organic producers and handlers can now apply for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds to assist with the cost of receiving or maintaining organic certification. Applications for the Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP) are due Nov. 1, 2021 to your county office of the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Eligible producers include any certified producers or handlers who have paid organic certification

fees. Producers can be reimbursed for expenses made between Oct. 1, 2020 and Sept. 30, 2021 including application fees, inspection costs, fees related to equivalency agreement and arrangement requirements, travel expenses for inspectors, user fees, sales assessments and postage. For 2021, OCCSP will reimburse 50% of a certified operation's allowable certification costs, up to a maximum of \$500 for each of the following categories: crops, wild crops, livestock, processing/handling.

A complete application includes the following:

- a completed CCC-884, OCCSP Application
- USDA organic certificate
- itemized invoice showing expenses **paid** to a certifying agent for certification services **Note:**

Records showing an amount due that do not indicate that payment has been made by the producer or handler will **not** be accepted.

- SF-3881, Direct Deposit if not previously filed. Payments will be transmitted via direct deposit.
- CCC-902E, Farm Operating Plan, if not previously filed and the applicant is an entity.

To apply through FSA, you can find an Hawai'i FSA county office near you here:

<http://go.hawaii.edu/uMP>

Make sure to inquire and apply early, as offices are short staffed and application volume can be high.

The application for and instructions - <https://bit.ly/3lfbgJl>

Organic Certification Cost Share Program Applications - <https://bit.ly/3ovPyTU>

USDA Pandemic Response and Safety Grant Program

The USDA will be opening the application portal at 1:00pm EST for its **Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant Program**. The PRS program is funded at \$650 million to aid specialty crop producers and processors, other select producers, meat and other processors, distributors, and farmers markets to respond to coronavirus, including for measures to protect workers against novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

Eligible Applicants:

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Small businesses
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Applicants will be required to obtain a DUNS Number from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) prior to applying for this program. D&B has created a custom landing page to streamline this process.

Visit the application website (<https://usda-prs.grantsolutions.gov/>) for more information.

Important Dates:

Application Period Opens: October 6, 2021

Application Period **Closes: 11:59 PM Eastern Time on November 22, 2021**

Links:

- The USDA AMS YouTube videos with step-by-step instructions explaining the application process: <https://www.youtube.com/user/USDAAMS>
 - <https://bit.ly/3ArQM4G>
 - <https://bit.ly/3BqV9hX>
 - <https://bit.ly/2YuSLIV>
 - Portal link: <https://usda-prs.grantsolutions.gov/usda>
-

NEW! USDA Micro Farm Crop Insurance Policy

This is a new insurance policy for **farmers who sell locally**.

USDA has a new insurance option for agricultural producers with small farms who sell locally. The Micro Farm policy simplifies record keeping and covers post-production costs like washing and value-added products. It is offered through Whole-Farm Revenue Protection and is available to producers who have a farm operation that earns an average allowable revenue of \$100,000 or less, or for carryover insureds, an average allowable revenue of \$125,000 or less.

Read More at <https://bit.ly/3uVcsFc>

October 2021 The Independent Voice

View the full newsletter at: <https://bit.ly/3iD14sN>

In this issue:

- Pandemic Response & Safety Grant program
 - Turmeric and Coffee?
 - Olena
 - USDA Pandemic Relief Program
 - KCFA Burlap Bags Available
 - Climate Change & Coffee
 - El Coqui Coffee
 - High Priced Coffee
 - Does Coffee Make You Tired?
 - Coffee Lowers Risk of Stroke & Fatal Heart Disease
 - Lifetime Member: Ka'awaloa Trail Farm
 - Recipe: Kona Coffee Banana Cream Pie
-

O'ahu RC&D October News and Updates

To view all of O'ahu RC&D's Newsletters visit - <https://oahurcd.org/newsletters/>

In this issue:

- Learn About Cacao Agroforestry with Lonohana Estate Chocolate
 - Interested in a Conservation Plan and Financial Assistance to Implement It?
 - Apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 Before the Deadline October 12th -- Translation Services Available!
 - The Windward O'ahu Feral Swine Control Program is Seeking Windward-Located Participants
 - News & Opportunities
-

Invitation to Apply - Maui County Feral Animal (deer, pig, goat, etc.) Control Grant Program

For more information on the feral animal control program visit <https://bit.ly/2WWosdh>

Includes Maui, Molokai, and Lanai.

News story: Maui officials are seeking proposals on how to manage the county - KITV Channel 4 -

<https://bit.ly/3ajXfnN>

Western IPM Center Newsletter and Grant Announcement

View the Western IPM Center's newsletter which includes the request for grant applications -

<https://bit.ly/3mExzb8>

They've increased per-project awards to \$50,000 (from \$30,000) and will be able to fund about \$400,000 total in the 2022 grant cycle. **Deadline to apply is December 3.**

For the RFA visit - <https://bit.ly/3FvH315>
