

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

ProBlad Verde approved for CLR in Hawaii

HDOA approved a 24(c) Special Local Need Label for an organic biofungicide, ProBlad Verde.

- Section 24(c) Special Local Need (SLN) Label - <https://bit.ly/3KgQmmD>
- Product label - <https://bit.ly/3vJQqpY>

ProBlad Verde fungicide works on contact, tissue absorption and has translaminar properties and is driven by multiple-site modes of action to control fungal diseases within eight hours of contact. Priaxor Xemium is another product is translaminar (across and within the leaf) properties.

ProBlad Verde is most effective when applied before or around the onset of disease development.

Apply at critical timings for disease control. Begin treatments prior to extensive rain season and or when environmental conditions are conducive for disease development and reproduction. If disease symptoms are evident, spray the leaves and the orange color spores directly. Apply to the top and bottom surface of all coffee leaves. Full coverage of leaves is important. Spray to wetness but avoid runoff.

ProBlad Verde requires two to four hours drying time on plant foliage for the active ingredient to be fixed into the plant tissue before rain or irrigation occurs. If, during the next 12 hours it rains significantly, a new application will be needed during the next 4 days.

- SLN label rate of ProBlad Verde is 45.7 fl. oz. per acre in at least 50 gallons of water per acre.
- Wear proper PPE according to the product label.
- Do not reenter the sprayed area for at least 4 hours after spraying is completed. REI is 4 hours.
- Do not make more than five foliar applications of ProBlad Verde per crop season.
- Do not make more than two sequential applications of ProBlad Verde (FRAC BM01) before alternating or tank mixing with a labeled fungicide with a different mode of action such as Double Nickel, Serenade, copper-based, OxiDate, or Priaxor.
- Do not harvest until 1 day after last application.

Mention of a trademark or proprietary name does not constitute an endorsement, guarantee, or warranty by the University of Hawaii, Hawaii State Department of Agriculture, or its employees and does not imply recommendations to the exclusion of other suitable products.

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

Talk Story with Coffee Berry Borer Researchers

Thursdays in April and May, 2022

12:00 noon – 1:00 PM

The USDA-Agricultural Research Service and University of Hawaii-CTAHR invite you to participate in the Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) meetings on Zoom. These are free informational meetings where growers, researchers, and other agricultural professionals can gather virtually to share their knowledge on managing coffee pests and diseases.

For information and registration visit - <https://bit.ly/3usleei>

HCA 27th Annual Conference, Trade Show & Statewide Cupping Competition

Aloha, HCA Members and Friends!

We warmly invite you to register for our upcoming 27th Annual Conference, Trade Show and Statewide Cupping Competition!

Please join us for a weekend of education, fellowship and fun! We've assembled a vibrant and engaging lineup of presenters and exhibitors. We've planned interactive workshops on cupping, roasting and field grafting. Events include a networking cocktail mixer, a tour to Kona Brewing Company, our always-popular Statewide Cupping Competition awards ceremony a delicious full service dinner, and a new signature beverage competition. Register today and book your hotel room with our special rate **by April 26th!**

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

View the full event schedule - <https://bit.ly/3L5va4g>

0525 Virtual Invasive Pest Mini-Conference [May 25, 2022 @ 9:30 am HST]

Aloha everyone,

All set for 0525 Virtual Invasive Pest Mini-Conference on May 25, 2022 (Wednesday @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm HST).

View the agenda - <https://bit.ly/3887E88>

Download the flyer - <https://bit.ly/3Mlde68>

Please register (group members and speakers) to attend this event using the zoom link below:
<https://bit.ly/3v0mvun>

Please feel free to share and invite your colleagues, collaborators, and key stakeholders, who may be interested in this mini-conference.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Roshan

2022 Maui AgFest & 4-H Livestock Fair

War Memorial Special Events Field

Saturday, June 4, 2022

9 am to 4:30 pm

All the signature events will be back, including the Maui Legacy Pancake Breakfast, Grand Taste, Keiki Zone, 4-H Livestock Show and Auction, Farmers' Market, Education Tent and food booths/food trucks. The event is free, and parking is \$5 per car.

New this year is an easy registration system in order to reduce crowding in popular areas. Attendees can go online to mauicountyfarmbureau.org and schedule a time slot to visit the Keiki Zone and the 4-H Livestock Show. Simply show your registration to enter. As always, attendees can purchase tickets for the Legacy Pancake Breakfast and Grand Taste chefs' event; online sales start May 1.

For all other areas at AgFest, no need to register; they will be wide open to the public. Shop, eat, learn, shop, eat some more! These areas include:

- Farmers' market
- Education tents
- Tractor displays
- Food trucks & food booths
- Eating areas
- Restrooms

Vendors and sponsors are encouraged to join Maui AgFest 2022 by filling out an online application at mauicountyfarmbureau.org. For the Grown on Maui Farmers' Market, only product grown on Maui is allowed. New this year is the Made in Maui market for vendors who are official Made in Maui members and including not only agricultural products like Maui Crisps beef jerky and Maui 'Ulu Hummus, but also jewelry, clothing and more.

It's everything you've come to expect from Maui AgFest, coming to you live and in-person on June 4, 2022: mark your calendars now!

-Maui County Farm Bureau

2022 HiSTEP Seminar: Gain Knowledge About Export Finance

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM HST

Cost: FREE

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3OqiXt9>

Financing the export of orders received from overseas customers can sometimes seem like a daunting task, however there is support available for Hawai'i exporters. This seminar will provide details about

financial language and terms used in international business that are different than for local or US continent sales. Also, we will provide information about resources such as Export-Import (EXIM) Bank credit financing, SBA export financing, and other options available in Hawai'i, and introductions to the people who can assist you.

Big Island Chocolae Festival Reimagined

May 13-14, 2022

Purchase tickets at www.BigIslandChocolateFestival.com

The Art of Beekeeping

A 4-Part Class on Beekeeping for Beginning Beekeepers

Participants will learn the following:

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

Next Class Schedule: May 21st, 28th | June 4th, 11th, 2022

Time: 11am – 3pm **Cost:** \$140 for materials, \$255 for tuition

Place: Honokaa, HI

Maximum of 8 students

For more information, contact us at: birdandbeehawaii.com or birdandbeehawaii@gmail.com or (808)936-6019

Hawai'i Agriculture Conference - Save the Date - September 27-28, 2022

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Hawai'i Convention Center - Honolulu, HI

Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities now available!

Early Bird Registration opens May 15, 2022

Visit hiagconference.org to learn more

First International Agricultural Robotics Conference in U.S. Set for Fall

Representatives of the International Forum of Agricultural Robotics (FIRA) (<https://bit.ly/3iZ8mYc>), Western Growers, and the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) this week announced that the first FIRA event to be held in the U.S. is slated for Fresno, CA, in October. FIRA USA 2022 (<https://bit.ly/3rGsi6q>) will bring together specialty crop growers, robot manufacturers, industrials, academics, technologists, startups and investors for three days of problem-solving, decision making, and planning to apply technology to California agriculture.

To continue reading visit - <https://bit.ly/3vwB8of>

Community Information for Hawaii County Departments

Dear Stakeholders,

Please share this with your members and general public.

The County of Hawai'i has scheduled Community Information Sessions to be held around the island. Through the informational sessions, we are sharing what our County Departments are accomplishing and additional community programs that are available to community members. Hawaiian Electric and Hawai'i Energy will present ways to reduce your energy use and the Office of Housing & Community Development will be sharing information on financial resources and support services available to eligible households.

You can attend the event in person or join thru the Zoom link below. The Zoom link is good for all of the Community Information Sessions.

We will continue to use COVID safety protocols, such as social distancing and sanitizing.

The remaining schedule is:

May 11, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Waikoloa Village Association – Banquet Room, 68-1792 Melia St., Waikoloa

May 18th, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Waimea Community Center, 65-1260 Kawaihae Road, Waimea

May 24th, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Kea'au High School Cafeteria, 16-725 Kea'au-Pāhoa Road, Kea'au

R&D County of Hawaii is inviting you to a scheduled ZoomGov meeting.

Topic: County of Hawaii Community Information Session

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join ZoomGov Meeting <https://bit.ly/3vA7XAG>

Meeting ID: 160 055 4683

Passcode: 845228

Find your local number: <https://bit.ly/3OrwsZr>

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National Organic Program (NOP) Update: Quarterly Enforcement Dashboard

The National Organic Program (NOP) has published the first quarter enforcement dashboard for fiscal year 2022. The dashboard provides an at-a-glance update on our enforcement activities for the 12 months ending March 31, 2022 (April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022).

Visit <https://bit.ly/3KXIQ1g> to view the pdf of the dashboard.

Fraudulent certificates, settlement summaries, administrator decisions, administrative law judge decisions and judicial officer decisions are posted as soon as they can be made public on our website. Access these individual enforcement actions on our Organic Enforcement web page -

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

We are committed to providing information to the organic community in a way that is useful and supports robust enforcement of the regulations worldwide. We are continually looking for ways to improve our reporting tools and welcome feedback on the report format. Send comments to

Sonya.Backus@usda.gov.

Organic Integrity Learning Center Course - Conducting Yield Analysis

Want to learn more about yield analysis? NOP offers a free course on Conducting Yield Analysis in the USDA Organic Integrity Learning Center!

Course number NOP-320 on yield analysis provides instruction on how to complete and evaluate a yield analysis for U.S.- and non-U.S.-based operations. It introduces the concepts and research that underpin yield analysis. It then teaches how to apply these concepts through hands-on exercises. The course explains potential outcomes of yield analysis and provides a framework for evaluating results, with a discussion of caveats and considerations. The course also recommends best practices for documenting yield analysis, which is essential when determining a course of action for operations that may have violated the organic regulations.

Learn more about how this powerful tool helps USDA and certifiers continually strengthen farmer and consumer trust in a fair and competitive organic market.

Getting Started

- Have a Learning Center account? Access site - <https://bit.ly/3Or3N6L>
 - Need a Learning Center account? Access sign-up page - <https://bit.ly/36A0SYC>
 - Need a course listing or instructions on how to self-enroll in the Learning Center? Access NOP Training web page - <https://bit.ly/3jXMso4>
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Kona Coffee Farmers Settlement

Visit <https://www.konacoffeesettlement.com> & learn:

- What is the lawsuit about?
 - Who are the Settling Defendants?
 - What do the settlements provide?
 - Who is Included in the Settlement Class?
 - Your Legal Rights and Options
 - Detailed information on each of the options listed below can be found in the Long Form Notice, which can be downloaded from the Important Documents page. Information about the deadlines by which to exercise each of these options can be found on the Key Dates page.
 - For more information
 - Call: 1-833-667-1227
 - Email: info@KonaCoffeeSettlement.com
 - Mail: Kona Coffee Farmers Settlement Administration
 - c/o JND Legal Administration
 - P.O. Box 91232
 - Seattle, WA 98111
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The Kohala Center Agricultural Resources Bulletin: April 2022

To view the full newsletter visit - <https://bit.ly/3xQ64Tv>

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City and County of Honolulu Business Update

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

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