

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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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, June 10th, in observance of King Kamehameha Day

'Ulu Agroforestry - Free Webinar - 6.15.22

Are you interested in learning about or incorporating 'ulu agroforestry practices on your farm? Check out our NEW 'Ulu Agroforestry in Hawai'i Guide (<https://bit.ly/3MyoRq6>) to learn more!

The Hawai'i 'Ulu Cooperative and partners have developed this guide to clarify terms related to agroforestry, which has become a "buzzword" in recent years, and to provide concrete examples of how Hawai'i 'ulu farms currently practice various agroforestry techniques.

Want more 'ulu agroforestry education?

Join us for a free Zoom webinar about 'Ulu Agroforestry in Hawai'i on Wednesday, June 15 at 5-6pm HST, featuring guest practitioners Andrew Trump, Noel Dickinson, Dr. Noa Lincoln, Dave Sansone, Noe'au Peralto, Zach Mermel, Troy Keolanui and Harry Greene. Register here - <https://bit.ly/3MAWqrw>

Benefits of agroforestry can include increased soil health and overall crop production, while challenges may include increased installation or harvesting costs. We hope this guide and webinar will help Hawai'i 'ulu farmers and backyard growers better understand these considerations and work to implement sustainable, achievable, and effective practices on their land!

Here is an overview of more happenings at the co-op and with partner organizations this month, and how you can get involved:

- We are accepting SNAP-EBT and DA BUX (<https://bit.ly/3Qabdfj>) at Alae: SNAP-EBT customers can now purchase our products directly from the co-op in bulk for 50% off (<https://bit.ly/39636jz>) with pickup at our Alae Facility in Hilo. For example, SNAP customers can now purchase 5 lbs. of fully cooked kalo for \$17.50!!!
- The co-op is purchasing seasonal fresh fruits from farmers. If you're a Hawai'i Island farm with excess fruit or without a market please contact us. We are particularly interested in lychee, white pineapple and avocado.
- In preparation for the upcoming 'ulu season, we are hiring additional agricultural processors at our Honalo facility in Kona. We are accepting resumes (<https://bit.ly/3mt7Naf>) until June 21, 2022.
- In collaboration with Hawai'i Pacific Health Institute and Chef Hui, we celebrated the May Harvest of the Month crop – kalo – with Waikiki Elementary School and Chef Dave Caldeiro as a last day of school cooking demo featuring taro latkes! Check out this new video on our Ho'opili 'Ai page (<https://bit.ly/3O2Kqjv>) to learn more about this campaign.

- Kū-A-Kanaka is offering monthly bi-lingual webinars (<https://bit.ly/3Qabr5>) featuring Hawaiian cultural lessons along with a cooking demonstration. The next one is on Thursday 6/9 at 5:30 p.m. featuring loaded 'uala bites. Register today (<https://bit.ly/3xADLb8>)
- Our Stock-Up on Staples monthly subscription program is offering 'ulu flour for the month of June. Sign up for our subscription program (<https://bit.ly/3aB0vP3>) to support the co-op and incorporate healthy staples into your daily diet.

Mahalo for your continued support!
Team HUC

Healthy Soil, Healthy Orchard: from Planning to Practices - July 16

Join Oahu RC&D, CTAHR, and host farm Island Harvest for a field day on Saturday, July 19th from 9:00am to 12:00pm in Kapa'au, Hawaii to engage with soil health planning in orchard systems. This on-farm workshop will share cover crop trials in an orchard system, followed by a demonstration of an AerWay Orchard Aerator and cover crop seeder. We will discuss soil health planning, practices, testing, and the opportunity for funding from NRCS programs for practice implementation. Lunch will be provided. Hawai'i's unique island landscapes and history of soil degradation through intensive crop production heighten the importance of rebuilding soil health. As organic matter and soil nutrients are depleted, farm operations require greater quantities of fertilizers and water to sustain production and experience increased risk of crop failure due to less climate-resilient soils.

To learn more or to register - <https://bit.ly/3PVvdT3>

Mahalo - 0525 Virtual Invasive Pest Mini-Conference

Mahalo!! everyone for attending last week's Mini-conference - 0525 Invasive Pest. It's my pleasure to host and interact with you all with five valuable talks. Thanks to the speakers - Tracy Johnson, Luc Leblanc, Raju Pandey, Kelsey Coffman, and Angel Acebes. Great presentations, hope everybody learned a lot.

Here is the link to the mini-conference video recording <https://bit.ly/3O1fujJ> just in case you have missed it and are interested in viewing it on later dates. A chat note is also attached.

** Sorry for duplicate emails for some of you**

Sincerely,
Roshan

O'ahu RC&D June News and Updates

To view the full newsletter visit - <https://bit.ly/3NusYoh>
In this issue:

- Thrive Hawai'i Family Farms Building Soil Health, Farmer-to-Farmer

- Hawai'i Women Farmers Network (WFN) July Event!
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