

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:

Monday, July 4th, in observance of the Fourth of July

University of Michigan Collaboration Inquiry

Hawai'i - Plan of Action

Biography

Alexa White, M.S. is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She has been traditionally trained as an agroecologist and biologist. For her dissertation, she is doing a comparative study between farms in Hawaii and Jamaica to highlight differences in farm management styles and cultivars.

Summer 2022 Project Overview

This project is important because farmers rarely have a say in agricultural legislation and/or sustainability planning. The findings are meant to provide a platform for farmers to provide input on local, national, and international agricultural issues, ultimately helping to find solutions to world hunger. This summer I am interested in interviewing farmers in the state of Hawai'i and their stakeholders to better understand (a) how farmers choose their farm management practices, (b) explore the differences between how farmers understand sustainability in comparison to their stakeholders. Overall, I am looking to conduct interviews because it is necessary for us to better understand the successes and failures of sustainability assessments considering climate change impacts.

Questionnaire Topics

I am looking to interview (1) farmers/land managers, (2) academics involved in agriculture research [ex. Researchers from the University of the Hawai'i], (3) non-governmental organizations [ex. Hawai'i Local2030 Hub, The Kohala Center, etc.], and (4) government representatives. I have written a set of questionnaires. Each interview will take ~20 minutes. The questionnaires will cover several ideas. For example:

1. Farmer consumption of crops vs. crops sold.
2. Severity of disease among crops.
3. Relationships with other farmers.

4. Opinions on farming practices.

PLEASE NOTE: All responses will be anonymous. I will not record any personal information.

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Beekeeping Course July/August

A 4-Part Class on Beekeeping for Beginning Beekeepers

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

July 23, 30, and August 6, 13, 2022

Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Cost: \$140 for materials, \$255 for tuition

Place: Honokaa, Hawaii

Maximum of 8 students

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

Greenwell Farms Coffee Leaf Rust Resistant Tree Replant Program

Greenwell Farms Cares & Thanks You For being loyal to Greenwell Farms

(For our loyal Coffee Cherry Farms (farmers who sell us their cherry))

We are kicking off our Coffee Leaf Rust Resistant Tree Replant Program as we are giving out free nematode/rust resistant coffee trees. We want to assist you in rejuvenating your coffee farms with nematode rust resistant grafted trees to help ease the workload against combating the rust virus.

- Must be an active Coffee Cherry provider to Greenwell Farms
- If not a current Coffee Cherry provider to Greenwell Farms – must sign up and agree to sell Greenwell Farms your Coffee Cherry
- Must be in the North/South Kona Coffee Region

Sign up now at Greenwell Farms administration office as current trees are limited though we will work through the list and the needs of our farmers as we continue to replenish our stock and our inventory grows. We may not be able to currently fulfill your complete request though we will try our best to provide you with what we can as the trees mature.

Kona Typica grafted on Nematode resistant root stock is also available for sale @ Greenwell Farms.

Upcoming Events - HMNA Conference and Field Day

The Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association annual meeting and conference will be held Saturday July 9th at the Hilton Waikoloa Hotel

Featuring keynote speaker: Chris Searle from MacAvo consulting

Chris has an extensive background in tree crop research and has worked in key roles at Australia's premier research institutions (including CSIRO, University of Queensland and Department of Agriculture & Fisheries QLD) as well as some of the world's largest macadamia processing businesses (MPC, Suncoast Gold Macadamias and Stahmann Farms) where he provided practical, on-farm assistance to more than half of Australia's macadamia growers in all major production regions from Mackay in QLD's north to the NSW Northern Rivers.

Presentations will cover Macadamia Felted Coccid, Phytophthora Research, New Orchard Plantings, and the tools Hawai'i has to manage young and old orchards. There is no cost to attend for members. Membership is \$50 annually. Registration is required in advance.

To reserve your spot at this year's conference visit - <https://bit.ly/3yot2Rc>

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