

## **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.

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### **CTAHR Hawaii Island: Agriculture Research Technician III - Kona**

Salary: \$3,047.00 - \$4,509.00 Monthly

Location: Island of Hawaii

Job Type: Various

Department: University of Hawaii

Job Number: 22-0272

Closing: Continuous

**View the full job posting - <https://bit.ly/3o9YyN9>**

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### **Free Webinars on Tax Preparation and Resources**

Filing taxes for an agricultural operation can be challenging, and many producers may not have the funds to hire accountants or tax professionals to assist. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the National Farm Income Tax Extension Committee are offering two free webinars:

- **Monday, August 15, 2 p.m. Eastern: Using the Tax Calculator.** The Farm Tax Estimator Tool (<https://bit.ly/3yXXpyf>) is an interactive spreadsheet that producers can download to estimate tax liability. **Register here - <https://bit.ly/3PgJusz>**

Find other resources at [farmers.gov/taxes](https://farmers.gov/taxes).

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### **Financing Your Farm**

In this session, The Kohala Center's Eric Bowman will explore loan options for starting or expanding your agricultural operations with a focus on owner operators and family-owned farms. He will overview what lenders are active and what they are looking for, including the process they use to evaluate your loan application. He will discuss both farm-land acquisition, site development, and working capital needs.

**Thursday, July 28**

**10:00-11:30 AM**

**\$15**

**On Line Webinar**

**Register Now - <https://bit.ly/3PwNC7M>**

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## **Cacao Grader Intensive - Hilo, HI August 2022**

This course prepares participants to evaluate cacao and chocolate quality with tested, research-based techniques. It combines in-depth lectures on fine cacao and chocolate with intensive hands-on training in cacao and chocolate sample preparation and analysis. Offered in partnership with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, the Hawaii Chocolate and Cacao Association, and the O'ahu Resource and Conservation Development Council.

**A full course description is available here - <https://bit.ly/3RhM8jo>**

**Dates:** Friday, August 12, Saturday, August 13, and Sunday, August 14

**Times:** 9 AM - approximately 5 PM each day, with morning and afternoon breaks and a one-hour lunch break

**Location:** Komohana Research and Extension Center, 875 Komohana Street, Hilo, HI 96720

**Covid-19 requirements:** To attend this class, all participants are required to strictly follow the University of Hawai'i protocols to protect against the spread of Covid-19 described here (<https://bit.ly/3apCBX6>). This includes mandatory proof of vaccination and indoor masking. In addition, all participants will be required to take Covid rapid antigen tests at the beginning of each class day (tests will be provided by FCCI).

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## **0810 Virtual Invasive Pest Mini-Conference (August 10, 2022 @ 9:30 am HST)**

Aloha everyone,

All set for 0810 Virtual Invasive Pest Mini-Conference on August 10, 2022 (Wednesday @ 9:30 am HST).

- Download the pdf flier - <https://bit.ly/3PaDth4>
- View the agenda - <https://bit.ly/3bYCK4e>

Please register (group members and speakers) to attend this event using the zoom link below:

**<https://bit.ly/3RbQwR0>**

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**Reminder: Join the Horizons Online Series to Grow and Strengthen your Business**

Whether you are an aspiring entrepreneur or a seasoned business owner, our newest and most dynamic program, **Horizons – Strategies for Business Growth and Resilience**, has something for everyone. This online cohort will be conducted in two parts.

**Horizons Part 2:** This 5-week long course offers business fundamentals for new startups and strategies for growing businesses. This cohort offers Hawaii small business owners the right insight, knowledge, and resources for a stronger future. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm – 8pm online via Zoom.

Week 1: Tuesday July 26, and Thursday July 28

Week 2: Tuesday August 2, and Thursday August 4

Week 3: Tuesday August 9, and Thursday August 11

Week 4: Tuesday August 16, and Thursday August 18

Week 5: Tuesday August 23, and Thursday August 25

Time: 5:30PM - 8:00PM HST

Cost: \$150 (application deadline is July 8)

For more information and details: **Horizon Workshop-Part 2 - <https://bit.ly/3c7T8iT>**

**Part 2 - Growth & Resilience:**

- The New Normal - Financial Strategies for Business Resilience
- Financial Analysis for Micro/Small Business Owners - Understanding Your Position and Potential
- Access to Capital: How to Scale and Prepare for Financing
- Business Planning Techniques and Resources
- Business Decision Making - How to Mitigate Risk and Make Better Choices

**Speaker:** Noela Napoleon, Lead Instructor and Business Counselor, Patsy T. Mink Center for Business & Leadership

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### **Invitation: Help Design Hilo's Agricultural Innovation Center!**

We are working with The Food Basket and The County of Hawai'i as they explore the development of an Agricultural Innovation Center to increase opportunities for processing agricultural products on the island.

This brief 5-minute survey will help identify your interests in either:

- supplying agricultural products for processing
- processing your products yourself
- buying processed agricultural products for wholesale or retail sales

Information collected from the survey will be used by the Hāmākua Institute for purposes of planning the design and development of the Agricultural Innovation Center. Respondents' information will be confidential, but the input and feedback will be anonymously shared.

Please complete the survey by July 16th, to have your contributions included in the analysis and summary. **To complete the survey, click on the following link, here - <https://bit.ly/3cbqfCA>**

For questions about the survey or the project, contact Melissa Nagatsuka at

[melissa@hamakuainstitute.org](mailto:melissa@hamakuainstitute.org).

Mahalo nui loa, for your time and contributions!

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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](http://birdandbeehawaii.com), [birdandbeehawaii@gmail.com](mailto:birdandbeehawaii@gmail.com), 808-936-6019**

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### **USDA Risk Management Agency: Macadamia Nut Crop Provisions**

View the full summary of changes for the Macadamia Nut Crop provisions - <https://bit.ly/3bZORxV>

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### **USDA Has Issued More Than \$4 Billion in Emergency Relief Program Payments to Date**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced, agricultural producers nationwide have already received more than \$4 billion through the Emergency Relief Program (ERP), representing nearly 67% of the more than \$6 billion projected to be paid through this phase of the program. Eligible producers in Hawaii have received \$20 thousand in funding to date. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) mailed out pre-filled applications in late May to producers with crop insurance who suffered losses due to natural disasters in 2020 and 2021. Commodity and specialty crop producers have until July 22 to complete applications.

“Over the course of the past two years, natural disaster events in Hawaii have resulted in catastrophic

production and property losses for our agricultural producers,” said Joy Kono, State Executive Director for FSA in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin. “Although these payments will not make these producers whole, they will help alleviate some of the financial stressors brought on by these severe and devastating weather events.”

To continue reading visit - <https://bit.ly/3PwNN2W>

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### **Speaker Series #37 on July 13th: Kupu Ka Niu Kupu Ke Kanaka - When Coconuts Grow, Humanity Flourishes | Ag News, Upcoming Events, Webinars, & MORE**

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3RiqxHh>

In this issue:

- Speaker Series #37 - Kupu Ka Niu Kupu Ke Kanaka - When Coconuts Grow, Humanity Flourishes
  - 12th Annual HFUU Convention - Save the Date - December 1-4, 2022
  - Maui Nui Botanical Gardens' Cultural Workshops
  - Off Season Mango Production Field Day
  - USDA GAP Audit 101: Tools for Small & Medium-Scale Growers
  - Have you checked out our Youtube Channel?
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### **Funding Increased and Signup Open for USDA's Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin opened enrollment for the Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program (RTCP) for fiscal year 2023. The enrollment period began July 11 and will run through Sept. 2.

View the full news release - <https://bit.ly/3OfGLPg>

Contact your local FSA County Office below directly to file an RTCP application today:

American Samoa - 684-633-1031 ext 126

Guam/CNMI - 671-300-8551 / 671-300-8550

Hawaii County - 808-933-8341

Honolulu County - 808-861-8538 ext 107

Kauai County - 808-245-9014 ext 2

Maui County - 808-871-5500 ext 2

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### **RMA Announces Greater Flexibilities for Crop Insurance Reporting**

WASHINGTON, June 30, 2022 – Specialty crop producers can now benefit from greater flexibility to use their own records to meet crop insurance reporting requirements. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing revisions that will make it easier for specialty crop producers and others who sell through direct marketing channels to obtain insurance, report their annual production, and file a claim.

“Farming and ranching are inherently complex and often challenging occupations, so anything and everything we can do to streamline processes and requirements are essential,” said Marcia Bunger, Administrator of USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA). “Crop insurance plays a critical role in a farmer’s operation and how they manage their risk and we’re here to help. Optimizing reporting requirements for direct marketers or vertically integrated operations will help make insurance easier and more accessible for countless producers, including those who grow specialty crops and are an important part of our local and regional food systems.”

See the full release here: <https://bit.ly/3alfLjc>

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### **News Release from Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture**

The Hawai`i Department of Agriculture has issued an interim rule to restrict the movement of palm plants and palm plant material on O`ahu to help slow the spread of the coconut rhinoceros beetle.

To view the news release and the interim rule, go to: <https://bit.ly/3uw1FIS>

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### **July 2022 - The Independent Voice**

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3Rfm8VY>

In this issue:

- Legislative Update Candidate Questionnaires
  - FedEx Discount for KCFA Members
  - Seeking Growers to Interview for Farm Study
  - History of Coffee throughout the Hawaiian Islands
  - Exporting from Hawaii - Webinar
  - Coffee has a Nitrogen Fertilizer Dilemma
  - Add Coffee to your Steak Rub
  - Coffee Chaff is Making its Way into New Ford Cars
  - China May be Collecting Data through your Coffee Maker
  - Salute to Business Member - Captain Cook Trading Co
  - Recipe: Kona Coffee Ice Cream
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### **The Kohala Center Agriculture Resources Bulletin: July 7, 2022**

To view the full newsletter, visit - <https://bit.ly/3uZ4cFv>

In this issue:

- Opportunities
  - The Kohala Center is hiring a Kohala Stewardship Senior Technician
  - Next GoFarm Hawai`i Beginning Farmer Training cohort on O`ahu's North Shore
  - City & County of Honolulu announces grant program for agricultural producers

- Lokahi Pacific offering feral animal grants to Maui County farmers and ranchers
  - Financial assistance for certified organic and transitioning operations
  - USDA is accepting applications for placemaking cooperative agreements
  - Western SARE is taking applications for five grant programs
  - Events
    - Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association Annual Meeting and Conference
    - Accounting and Bookkeeping Basics Webinar
    - Hoa'āina Stewardship Day at Niuli'i
    - Healthy Soil, Healthy Orchard: From Planning to Practices
    - Financing Your Farm Webinar
    - GoFarm Hawai'i AgCurious Webinar
    - 2022 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference
  - Production News
    - New guide for agroforestry production in Hawai'i
    - USDA announces food transformation framework
    - Small farmers find innovative ways to get products to market
    - Add-on certification for Regenerative Organic Production
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### **Western IPM Center July Newsletter**

View all of the Western IPM Center's newsletters - <https://bit.ly/3zRD3FJ>

In this issue:

- IPM Helps Protect Arches National Park from Invasive Species
  - Video: Learn More About the Challenges of Managing Invasive Species in a Desert Climate
  - New Grants Available to Document Sustainable Agriculture Needs
  - Western IPM Center Funding is Always Available for Pest Management Planning Documents
  - Learn the Latest IPM Recommendations for Eriophyoid Mites
  - Future IPM Hour Presentations
  - See the Latest Court and Regulatory Headlines Concerning Pesticides
  - New Resource Aims to Clarify Plant-Back Interval Confusion
  - Like Nutella? New Guide on IPM for Insect Pests in Hazelnut Published
  - Nominations Sought for 2022 William Henry Hatch Lecture
  - EU Proposes New Rules Limiting Pesticides and Requiring IPM on Farms
  - Funding and Grant Opportunities
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### **O'ahu RC&D July News and Updates**

To view the full newsletter visit - <https://bit.ly/3nXJq5n>

In this issue:

- Hear from Rockstar Women in Agriculture and Strengthen Your Farm's Viability!
- Building Soil Health, Farmer-to-Farmer Hua Orchards Profile

- O'ahu RC&D and the Hawai'i AgTraining Hui Present the Kunia Farmers Marketplace!
  - Calling All Farmers on O'ahu's North Shore - Apply for Funding Now!
  - Want to Learn About Soil Health in Orchard Systems?
  - Cacao Grader Intensive Three-Day Training Course in Hilo, Hawai'i Island
  - Farmers Complete O'ahu RC&D's First Soil Health Cohort!
  - News & Opportunities
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