

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

I have received funding from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to conduct pesticide safety outreach and as part of these efforts I will be hosting worker protection standard (WPS) and respirator fit test trainings. Thank you, HDOA, Rosemary Gutierrez-Coarite (Maui Extension), and Pepe Miranda for partnering with me!

WPS is for farm owners, managers, their employees and contract workers who work in the field, handle, and/or apply (organic or non-organic) pesticides. If you are a farm worker or pesticide handler, you must be WPS trained annually. If you are a pesticide handler and/or applicator and the pesticide label requires the use of a respirator, you must be respirator fit tested annually or when workplace conditions change or a new type of respirator is used.

If you have not already done so, you can indicate your interest in future WPS and/or Respirator Fit Testing workshops by clicking the links below and filling out a short survey.

WPS Sign Up - <https://bit.ly/3JbZ7zE>

Respirator Fit Testing Sign Up - <https://bit.ly/3Q3l8Th>

BEFORE using a respirator and BEFORE attending a respirator fit test workshop, you MUST first obtain a medical clearance to use a respirator. Once you receive medical clearance from your doctor to use a respirator, you will need to bring your approved and signed medical clearance to the fit testing workshop. A copy of the clearance will work. You will **NOT** be able to be fit tested without a medical clearance signed by your physician.

According to OSHA, your employer must provide respirators, training, and medical evaluations **at no cost to the employee.** Your employer must also provide a medical evaluation to determine employee's ability to use a respirator, **before fit testing and use.**

To obtain a medical clearance, see your primary care physician and take this questionnaire (<https://bit.ly/3JbnvBq>) with you to your medical appointment. The OSHA medical questionnaire can also be found online (<https://bit.ly/3SaKeBB>). Your employer can also pay for an online respirator medical evaluation. The cost (as of 7/8/22) is \$29 per evaluation at <https://www.respexam.com/default.asp>. However, a primary care physician's medical evaluation is recommended over an online medical evaluation because of knowledge of the patient's medical history that can be taken into consideration for the use of a respirator.

If you have any questions, please contact me at andreak@hawaii.edu or 415-604-1511.

-Andrea

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, August 19th, in observance of Statehood Day

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>

Register for the 2022 Molokai Business Conference!

Discover our top pick of topics and speakers. This year's theme is resilience. We are limited to 50 in-person attendees. In-person will be a first come first served basis. Zoom sessions will be available with Unlimited Spots.

- Financial Planning for Business Owners
- County of Maui – Grants Workshop
- Farm Business – Sust'ainable Molokai
- Small Business Administration
- The Value of Human Resource Outsourcing

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 @ Moloka'i Education Center

Register at MolokaiBC.com

Fearless Networking for Introverts

Networking is unavoidable because it remains one of the best ways to grow your business, imagine what it would feel like to ENJOY it?

If you find networking stressful and become easily overwhelmed during social gatherings, congratulations, you might be an introvert!

In this workshop you will learn game-changing ways to break through any dread surrounding networking so you can make more of an impact with your mission.

Wednesday, August 3

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Online

\$15

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

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers - Next Meeting is on 8/6

The next meeting of the West Hawaii Chapter of Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers will be held on Saturday, August 6 from 10 am to Noon at 81-6393 Mamalahoa Hwy, Captain Cook, Hawaii below the HTFG office and nursery.

Tony from All Tool Inc. will discuss the latest in battery and gas powered farm tools. He will also demonstrate how to keep your tools in top shape to avoid costly repairs.

!!SPECIAL!! Fig sale - 5 trees for \$100.000!

Members and guests are encouraged to bring fruit for sharing. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Booths Available at the 12th Annual Mango Festival Saturday, August 13

Reserve Your 10x10 Space Now for the 12th Annual Mango Festival on Saturday, August 13.

Artisans, Farmers and Service Providers: The Mango Festival is a great opportunity to promote your business and sell your products to residents and tourist alike. Booth space is available, so sign up today.

<https://hawaiianwellness.com/upcoming-events>

\$100.00 Ocean Lawn Vendors Outside, vendors supply: tent, table, chairs

\$30.00 County Vendor Permit for GET - payable to "Director of Finance"

\$150.00 Inside Pavilion, Tables & Chairs are provided

\$250.00 Food Vendors plus \$50 food donated to staff and performers

Mail forms and payment to:

Sanctuary of Mana Ke'a Gardens

P.O. Box 939

Honaunau, Hawaii 96726-0939

You may prefer to email forms to Randy at randyldna@earthlink.net or text Rnadyl Rugar at (808)936-5233.

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).

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,
Roshan

Free Webinar 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.

New Settlements Approved in Kona Coffee Lawsuit

Dear Settlement Class Member,

Following the Hearing on June 3, 2022, the Court granted final approval to the new Settlements with The Kroger Co. (“Kroger”), Safeway Inc. and Albertsons Companies Inc. (“Safeway/Albertsons”), and Hawaiian Isles Kona Coffee Co., Ltd. (“HIKC”) in the class action *Corker, et al., v. Costco Wholesale Corporation, et al.* Case No 2:19-cv-00290-RSL (W.D. Wash.)

If you previously submitted a valid Claim Form for the prior Settlements, you do not need to submit a new Claim Form. The Settlement Administrator will use the information already on file to determine your settlement award.

If you did not previously submit a Claim Form and you would like to be eligible for a settlement award, you must submit a claim online at www.KonaCoffeeSettlement.com or complete the attached form and mail it to the address listed on the Claim Form. You can also submit your completed Claim Form by email to info@KonaCoffeeSettlement.com.

Your claim must be submitted online or postmarked no later than **September 17, 2022**.

For more information about the Settlements, please visit the website at www.KonaCoffeeSettlement.com.

Regards,

Kona Coffee Farmers Settlement Administrator
c/o JND Legal Administration
Toll-free: 1-833-667-1227
www.KonaCoffeeSettlement.com

EPA Notice: Petition to Revoke Organophosphate Tolerances

Aloha farmers and stakeholders, please let me know how you are using some of these products.

EPA Notice: Petition to Revoke Tolerances and Cancel Registrations for Certain Organophosphate Uses
<https://bit.ly/3OGdwFx>

Comments Due: August 11, 2022.

The OPs are a group of pesticides with a broad range of uses and are one of the most widely used class of pesticides in U.S. agriculture. The OPs are a class of chemicals with a common mechanism of toxicity: inhibition of the acetylcholinesterase (AChE) enzyme. There are currently 20 OPs going through registration review. EPA's risk assessments and other registration review materials for the OPs included in the Earthjustice Petition are contained in the dockets for each of the respective registration review cases, as listed here:

Acephate (EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0915).
Bensulide (EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0022).
Chlorethoxyfos (EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0843).
Chlorpyrifos-methyl (EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0119).
Diazinon (EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0351).
Dichlorvos (EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0209).
Dicrotophos (EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0440).
Dimethoate (EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0059).
Ethoprop (EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0560).
Malathion (EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0317).
Naled (EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0053).
Phorate (EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0055).
Phosmet (EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0316).
Terbufos (EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0119).
Tribufos (EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0883).

Comments Due: August 11, 2022.

Comments can be submitted to Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0490, at the following website.

<https://bit.ly/3zxw4IR>

For more information, view the full EPA Notice here:

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

EPA Contact for more information:

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Farmers Market Week, New Resources and Stories!

View the full newsletter - **<https://bit.ly/3oyt3MH>**

In this issue:

- USDA's Food Systems Transformation Story
 - National Farmers Market Week is Coming in August!
 - 2022 National Agricultural Marketing Summit
 - Seeds of Success: Digging into Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program
 - Yellowstone City-County Health Department - RiverStone Health
 - LFPP Grant Recipient Receives James Beard Award
 - 85 Years of National Dairy Month
 - Recent Opportunities
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The Kohala Center: Agricultural Resources Bulletin: July 21, 2022

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3zD3CQF>

In this issue:

- Opportunities
 - Watershed protection grants for North Shore farmers and land managers
 - Next KūHana Business Program Cohort opens
 - USDA Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program
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 - Financing Your Farm webinar
 - GoFarm Hawai'i AgCurious webinar
 - AgTech: Growing Innovation
 - 2022 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference
 - Production News
 - USDA Partners with 27 states and territories to issue child food benefits for summer
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