

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.

Worker Protection Standard Webinars - English and Spanish

Did you know that a farm worker who enters a field (within 30 days of last pesticide application), who handles, and/or applies pesticides, must be WPS trained annually? Many, if not all farms regardless of organic or conventional farming methods, use pesticides if applying a product to kill a beetle, bug, fungus, mite, rat, or weed. Learn how to keep yourself and your workers safe from improper use, storage, handling, application, and disposal of pesticides.

These webinars will cover the current Worker Protection Standard (WPS) provisions and requirements as well as any new rule changes. They are free and open to all agricultural employers, owners, managers, and their employees. Those with RUP licenses can earn 1.0 CEU for attending a (English only) WPS webinar below. If you've attended past WPS webinars (8/11/22; 8/12/22) under course code 3951, you will not be able to receive additional credits under this code.

Registration is open for the following WPS webinars:

- Martes, 13 de Septiembre de 2022 de 8:00 a 9:15 AM - En español
 - registrarse aquí - <https://bit.ly/3D6sAds>
 - Thursday, October 6, 2022 from 4:00 to 5:15 PM - In English
 - register here - <https://bit.ly/3cSjF4C>
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Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers 32nd Annual Conference – Kona

Royal Kona Resort – Kona, Hawaii

November 4th, 5th, 6th

Register online at HTFG.org

Respirator Fit Testing and Training Workshops - On-farm or at the Kona Extension Office

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!

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.

You can indicate your interest in future Respirator Fit Testing and Training workshops by clicking the

link below and filling out a short survey.

Respirator Fit Testing Sign Up - <https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/respfit.html>

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 from your primary care physician:

- Make an appointment to see your primary care physician.
- Fill out this questionnaire (<https://bit.ly/3d0LRIR>) (also in Spanish - <https://bit.ly/3B4vrAP>) and take it with you to your medical appointment. The OSHA medical questionnaire can also be found online - <https://bit.ly/3Dek7ol>
- Also, take this medical clearance for respirator use form (<https://bit.ly/3TYb40R>) (also in partial Spanish - <https://bit.ly/3qnLFQJ>) to your appointment.

Once signed by your physician, bring the original or a copy of your signed medical clearance for respirator form with you to the respirator fit testing and training workshop.

Your employer can also pay for an online respirator medical evaluation. The cost (as of 7/8/22) is \$30.37 (includes tax) 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

Fukunaga Rootstock Cherry/Seed Available at the Kona Extension Office

We will have Coffea liberica var. dewevrei 'Fukunaga' berries available for purchase at 20 cents per cherry. If you would like to purchase seeds in bulk the cost is \$50 per pound, about 300 cherries.

Some things to note about these cherries:

- The 'Fukunaga' seeds were collected from trees with identical genetics as the mother tree. This plot is semi-isolated from other C. liberica and C. robusta coffee trees; however, we cannot guarantee that the seeds provided are 100% pure 'Fukunaga' seeds. These F1 seedlings should not be used as mother tree seed stock since we cannot guarantee that cross pollination has not occurred with other coffee trees.

- If you are interested in planting a 'Fukunaga' tree on your property to collect your own seed from, we have TWO trees currently available for \$50 each. First come, first served. Others may be available at a later time and we will let growers know when these trees are ready. We are currently growing the rootstock onto which the mother tree's scion would be grafted. We appreciate your patience as these trees require time to grow.
- 'Fukunaga' seeds have a short shelf life. Plant them as soon as possible after processing and/or drying.
- The 'Fukunaga' cherry are not sorted for CBB. There may be CBB-infested cherry and beans present.

Please contact Matt at mnmiyahi@hawaii.edu or (808)322-0164 if you are interested in purchasing rootstock seed. If you're interested in fresh seed the next rootstock harvests will be **September 27th & October 18th**.

We will fill small orders first in the order we receive them and then remaining seed will be divided among larger orders. Our goal is to provide 'Fukunaga' rootstock seeds to as many interested farmers as possible.

Kona Coffee Settlement: Claims are Due Before September 17, 2022

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.) You are receiving this reminder notice to inform you that the deadline to submit a claim for the new Settlements is **September 17, 2022**.

If you previously submitted a valid Claim Form for the prior Settlements, or if you have already submitted a Claim Form for the new 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.

Regardless of whether or not you previously elected to designate a portion of your settlement payment to a charitable fund for the benefit of the Kona region, you still have an opportunity to make this election for these new Settlements. In order to designate a portion of your settlement payment to a charitable fund for the benefit of the Kona region, please respond to this email and provide the percentage of your settlement payment that you would like to contribute.

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 download the Claim Form from the website and mail the completed form 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

Microgrants for Food Security Program - refer to HDOA website for information

Hawaii Agriculturalists,

Application form, link to Informational Zoom Webinar, FAQs can be found on the HDOA website, <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/add/md/> .
Deadline to apply is noon September 19, 2022.
Send questions to hdoa.md.microgrants@hawaii.gov

Thank you,
The Market Development Team

Hawaii Avocado Association: Are any members growing Hass avocado in Hawaii?

Aloha HAA members,

Dr. Jinan Banna from UH Manoa is putting together a research proposal for a project seeking to determine whether consumption of Hass avocados can play a role in preventing excessive weight gain in pregnancy in underserved minorities in Hawaii. She is exploring possibilities with regards to how to obtain locally grown Hass avocados for the project. If anyone grows Hass and is interested in collaborating with Dr Banna please reach out to her directly.

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HDOA: Emergency Loans Available to Assist with Axis Deer Impacts in Maui County

The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) will open an emergency loan program to help farmers and ranchers with the costs associated with the overpopulation of axis deer in the County of Maui (Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i). At an Aug. 23, 2022 meeting, the Hawai'i Board of Agriculture (Board) approved the emergency loan program request by the Agricultural Loan Division. Applications will be accepted beginning Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2022.

To continue reading visit - <https://bit.ly/3KU790N>

USDA Updates Crop Insurance Plans to Broaden Access

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is improving two of its most comprehensive risk management safety net programs, Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) and Micro Farm, making them more accessible to America's agricultural producers. This includes doubling the maximum insurable revenue under WFRP, now \$17 million, more than tripling the size of farm operations eligible for Micro Farm, now \$350,000 and reducing paperwork requirements for WFRP.

Learn More - <https://bit.ly/3cUGiFr>

Funding Increased; Deadline Extended to Sept. 9 for USDA's Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the deadline to Sept. 9 for enrollment in the Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program (RTCP). Available funding for RTCP has been increased to \$3 million for fiscal year 2022.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 reauthorized RTCP and allows farmers and ranchers in Alaska, Hawaii and insular areas including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Virgin Islands of the United States, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau, to recover any costs to transport agricultural commodities or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity. Nearly \$2 million was issued to 882 producers through the 2021 Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment (RTCP) program in May 2022.

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What's New on the RMA Website August 27 - September 2, 2022

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3qhotU3>

In this issue:

- Hawaii Tropical Fruit Crop Provisions

- Whole-Farm Revenue Protection Pilot Plan of Insurance and Micro Farm Changes Effective for the 2023 and Succeeding Policy Years
 - Whole-Farm Revenue Protection Pilot Policy
 - Micro Farm Pilot Provisions
 - Whole-Farm Revenue Protection National Fact Sheet
 - Whole-Farm Revenue Protection Guidance for Lenders National Fact Sheet
 - Micro Farm Program National Fact Sheet
 - Whole-Farm Revenue Protection Plan Frequently Asked Questions
 - Updates to Crop Insurance Plans Broaden Access for Specialty Crop, Organic, Direct Market and Other Producers
 - Crop Insurance Reporting and Other Changes Final Rule Effective for the 2023 and Succeeding Crop Years
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September 2022 The Independent Voice

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In this issue:

- HDOA \$5000 Grants for Small Scale Food Production
 - FedEx Discount for KCFA Members
 - Leaf Rust Study Shows Increased Susceptibility as Disease Variants Emerge
 - Which Factor has the Most Impact on Coffee Quality
 - Study Suggests Biodiversity in Coffee Lands Requires Land Sparing & Land Sharing
 - USPS Raises Rates for Holidays... Again
 - "Brew your own Coffee"
 - Three Main Ways Coffee Beans are Processed
 - Coffee & Acute Kidney Injury
 - Easy Way to Brew Iced Coffee
 - 16 Types of Coffee Roasts Explained
 - Starbuck's Successor Reopens Shops in Russia
 - Salute to Business Member - Jane Addison
 - Recipe: Coffee Ice Cream
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Hawaii Farmers Union United (HFUU) Save the Date 2022 Annual Convention & Workshops Galore Inside!

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3QpR3gP>

In this issue:

- **Save the Date! 2022 HFUU Annual Convention**
 - December 2nd - 4th
 - Hosted by Hawai'i Taro Farm
 - Waikapū, Maui

- Mahalo to our Convention Committee for bringing our HFUU Ohana Together!
 - **Upcoming Workshops**
 - Sept 6, 2022 Organic Agriculture Webinar on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption
 - Kōkua Learning Farm - Youth Internship Program - September 7 - December 14
 - Free Composting Workshop - September 12, 2022
 - Hawai'i Mango Research Projects Hybrid Workshop
 - Ag2022 - September 27-28, Hawai'i Convention Center
 - Tropical Fungi Identification & Cultivation Workshop - Oct 7-9
 - **Local & National Ag News**
 - Arce appears on track for director of agriculture spot
 - Seats available for free Arborist Certification Prep Course
 - USDA Announces Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Funding Awarded to Hawaii
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The Kohala Center: Agricultural Resources Bulletin: September 1, 2022

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In this issue:

- Opportunities
 - Mahi'āina Specialists
 - \$5000 grants available for home gardeners and small-scale farmers
 - Kōkua Hawaii Foundation offers Farm Youth Internship Program
 - Events
 - Benefits of IPM Practices & Sustainable Strategies for BBTV Control and Prevention
 - Kaua'i Field Day
 - Farmer/Rancher grant program Q&A live session
 - Professional + Producer grant program Q&A live session
 - Food Insecurity in Hawai'i: Understanding Root Causes and Systemic Solutions
 - 11th Annual Hawai'i Small Business Fair
 - 2022 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference
 - 32nd Annual Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Conference
 - Production news
 - \$300 million in new Organic Transition Initiative
 - \$550 million in projects benefiting underserved producers and minority-serving institutions that create career development opportunities for next generation leaders
 - Flower Hill Institute resource toolkit now live
 - Regenerative Certification Program Launches
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Western IPM Center September Newsletter

View all of the Western IPM Newsletters - <https://bit.ly/3zRD3FJ>

In this issue:

- Time to Start Planning: Western IPM Center Grants Open Soon
 - Never Applied for Western IPM Center Funding Before?
 - Other Grant-Writing Resources Available
 - Turning IPM into a Board Game
 - Enjoy Some Firefly Photos
 - In Other News
 - Funding and Grant Opportunities
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O'ahu RC&D September News and Updates

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3U3cd7x>

In this issue:

- Learn about Cacao Quality & Post-Harvest Processing from Award-Winning Cacao Growers - Register Now!
 - Learn to Plan for the Viability of Your Farm Business!
 - Deadline Extended for Farmers & Watershed Stewards on O'ahu's North Shore to Apply for Funding!
 - Work with O'ahu Resource Conservation and Development Council - We're Hiring!
 - News & Opportunities
 - Access to Local Food & Produce
 - Updated O'ahu Soil Water Conservation District Meeting Schedule
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