

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

Agricultural Theft

Within the last 5 months, agricultural thefts occurred on at least two fruit farms on the Big Island and on several properties on Maui. A lower than usual coffee and avocado crop is expected making these targets as well. Agricultural theft could be considered theft in the second degree and a class C felony. Protect yourself and your fruit or other agricultural commodities, and be aware of the following law which was created to protect farmers.

For the transport and sale of all agricultural commodities exceeding 200 pounds or with a value of at least \$100, the Hawaii Revised Statutes section 145-22 requires that (DL-22) records shall include the following:

- (1) The seller's name, residence address, telephone number, and license plate number of any vehicle used by the seller to deliver the commodity to the place of purchase;
- (2) The name of the farm owner and address of origin;
- (3) The name of the buyer or consignee, and destination; and
- (4) The signature of the seller and, upon sale, the signature of the buyer or consignee.

HDOA Certificate of Ownership/Movement of Agricultural Commodities (DL-22) - <https://bit.ly/3SH34jV>

Sales over \$300 also require the seller to present the buyer with a valid photo ID card or license, issued by a federal or state government agency.

Take precautions to safeguard your fruit and ag commodities and report any thefts or possible thefts to the police. If you would like ideas on how to protect your farm and property from agricultural theft, visit <https://bit.ly/3rzRafB>

For your safety and those around you, avoid intervening while a crime is in progress and call 911. If a theft has already been committed and for non-emergency situations, call your island's non-emergency number. Once the police arrive, provide them with photographs, videos, written documentation, and serial/identification numbers of stolen items, if possible. The more details and evidence provided, the more it might help the officer make an arrest.



HELP DETER AGRICULTURAL THEFT



Chapter 145, Part II, Hawaii Revised Statutes

Ownership and Movement of Agricultural Commodities

REQUIRES PROOF OF OWNERSHIP – It's the LAW! (see reverse side)

If you sell any amount of an agricultural commodity that is to be marketed for commercial purposes; or transport agricultural commodities weighing more than 200 pounds or the value is \$100.00 or more, an OWNERSHIP AND MOVEMENT CERTIFICATE is required.

WHAT IS REQUIRED ON THE OWNERSHIP AND MOVEMENT CERTIFICATE?

An Invoice, Receipt, Bill of Lading or similar document can serve the purpose of the certificate, provided that it contains the following information:

1. The name, resident address and telephone number of the seller, and the license plate number of the vehicle used to deliver the agricultural commodity to the buyer
2. The name of the farm owner and address of origin
3. The name of the buyer or consignee and destination
4. Signature of the seller and, upon sale, the signature of the buyer or consignee

The buyer or consignee must verify the seller's identity by having the seller present a valid government issued photo identification card or license. If the commodity is valued at \$300.00 or more, the seller shall also provide the buyer with a photocopy of the identification card or license.

No prospective buyer or consignee shall purchase an agricultural commodity if the seller does not provide a copy of the Ownership and Movement Certificate and verification as required, and shall report an attempted sale which does not meet the above requirements to the police.

Two copies of the certificate must accompany the shipment and one copy is to be retained by the person completing the certificate.

The Ownership and Movement Certification requirements DO NOT apply to the retail sale of an agricultural commodity to the final consumer.

WHY IS THIS REQUIRED?

Proof of ownership is the first step in establishing a paper trail to help deter agricultural theft. If an inspector or law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe agricultural commodities are in unlawful possession, the inspector or law enforcement officer may request proof of ownership of the commodities, which could lead to the seizure of agricultural commodities and criminal penalties.

PROTECT YOURSELF

For more information, contact the Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Dealer Licensing Unit at (808) 832-0700 or FAX at (808) 832-0683



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View the complete document (2 pages) - <https://bit.ly/3EmgkWE>

Read more on Chapter 145 - related to the ownership and movement of ag commodities (some sections are highlighted for importance) - <https://bit.ly/3CirWY2>

-Andrea

Visit <https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/events-and-announcements> for additional information on the following events, announcements and more.

Hawaii Nutrition Center: Come visit the all new Hawai'i Nutrition Center website!

We are excited to announce the launch of the new Hawai'i Nutrition Center (HNC) website. HNC is a partnership between the University of Hawai'i - College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources (CTAHR), Cooperative Extension, Hawai'i Foods, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education (SNAP-Ed), and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).

Come visit our site: <https://nutritioncenter.ctahr.hawaii.edu/>

Seeking Inspiring Coffee Stories in Hawaii for Travel Show on Innovators & Changemakers

I am the Producer of an inspiring coffee-themed travel series called "**Where Coffee Takes You**" and we are looking for inspiring people and stories for our next episodes which films in Hawaii in December.

Please let me know if you know of any inspiring people who are either changemakers (making the world a better place) or innovators (taking risks or innovating with coffee).

Please feel free to email me back at CChambersProducer@gmail.com or text/call me any time at 323.828.1367 .

Lastly, some info about "Where Coffee Takes You"

"Where Coffee Takes You" is an exciting new youtube travel show featuring the inspiring people and amazing places behind your cup of coffee. Produced by Kirk Bedrossian of Angelino's Coffee, the series will share inspiring stories of innovators and changemakers in the 48 most amazing coffee countries around the world.

Trailer Link: <https://bit.ly/3e4Ztgx>

Warm regards,
Christopher Chambers
Producer
323.828.136

Choosing an Entity Type for Your Business

If you've ever wondered,

"How do I pick a business entity type for my business, should I do it myself, what are the tax implications, how can I add or take off a partner, how do I get started, ..?",

this class is for you.

In this class you will learn about the different tax entities, how they are taxed, and how to choose the one that's right for you. We will touch on personal tax brackets and how they should affect your decision, as well as how to upgrade when it is time.

Our presenter is Lisa Wells, from My Personal CPA, LLC

Friday, Oct 14

10:00-11:30 AM

\$15

On Line Webinar

Register Now - <https://bit.ly/3CE0sOc>

AGHui Ready-to-Grow Project Survey

Aloha mai kākou,

Add your funding request to AgHui's Ready-to-Grow project dashboard

To align available and appropriate capital with efforts across Hawaii's community food systems, AgHui invites non-profit and for profit agricultural and food businesses to add “shovel-ready” projects to their Ready-to-Grow project dashboard - <https://bit.ly/3RKsBXY>

To submit your project, please fill out this short survey - <https://bit.ly/3M7RXhr>

E-mail AgHui your questions at aghuihawaii@gmail.com.

Mālama pono,
Hawai'i Island Food Alliance

DBEDT Information - Small Business Credit Survey / Pacific Tech 2022

Aloha owners and key financial decisionmakers of for-profit businesses,

Please tell us about your recent experiences seeking financing such as loans or lines of credit in the last 12 months? How would you rate the financial condition of your business?

The Federal Reserve's 2022 Small Business Credit Survey is open for responses, and the Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) is a partner on this effort. By taking the survey, you contribute to data that directly informs the Federal Reserve, federal government agencies, service providers, and others-ultimately benefitting your business and other businesses. Take the 10-minute survey now - <https://bit.ly/3Elrw5J>

The survey is open to businesses currently in operation, those recently closed, and those about to launch. The questions ask about business conditions, financing needs, and the effects of the pandemic on your business. All responses are confidential.

The survey closes November 4, 2022.

Mahalo

Pacific Tech 2022 is a bi-annual event (previously the HSBIR Conference) that brings together Pacific region tech and engineering solution providers together with government customers, investors, prime contractors, federal SBIR/STTR program representatives, and other supporting agencies. Through the conference, innovative tech companies will have an opportunity to connect with potential customers, learn about America's Seed Fund (SBIR/STTR programs), how they can best leverage new funding and tech commercialization opportunities by various federal agencies.

This year's conference will take place from **October 24-26 in Honolulu, Hawaii** at the Hawaii Convention Center. Approximately 150 attendees from Pacific region as well as federal agency representatives are expected to participate.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

Date: Monday thru Wednesday, October 24-26, 2022

Location: Hawaii Convention Center

Registration and more details at: Pacific Tech 2022 - <https://bit.ly/3RFPHix>

Grow Hawaiian 2023 - Feb. 25

Aloha old friends,

This is a "save the date" email announcement for Grow Hawaiian 2023. We are back on! Grow Hawaiian is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2023. I hope that many of you will come and take part and we can get this great event back on a regular basis.

I am ccing Kim Kahoonei here as she will be doing most of the planning and communicating. She is the Friends Director and I know you will like working with her and getting to know her if you haven't already. I'm looking forward to just cruising around and taking it all in this time!

Kim will be getting in touch over the next few months for your help planning and putting Grow Hawaiian together.

Mahalo nui loa!

Peter Van Dyke

Manager, Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Agricultural Labor Survey Announcement - Released September 30, 2022

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its biannual Agricultural Labor Survey in October. The survey will collect information about hired labor from more than 600 Hawaii farmers and ranchers. NASS will compile, analyze, and publish survey results Nov. 23 in the *Farm Labor* report on the NASS website. Survey recipients who do not respond by Oct. 19 may be contacted by NASS to arrange an interview or sent a reminder email.

In the survey, NASS asks participants to answer a variety of questions about hired farm labor on their operations, including total number of hired farm workers, the total hours worked, and total wages paid for the weeks of July 10-16 and Oct. 9-15, 2022. Survey participants can respond online at accounts.usda.gov or by mail. On the portal, producers can complete their surveys, access data visualizations and reports of interest, link to other USDA agencies, and more.

View the full report - <https://bit.ly/3fLgcG1>

Grant Opportunity: Fertilizer Production Expansion Program

View the full grants.gov posting at <https://bit.ly/3MbVRL1>

- Funding Opportunity Title:Fertilizer Production Expansion Program
 - **Current Closing Date for Applications:Dec 29, 2022**
 - Estimated Total Program Funding:\$500,000,000
 - Award Ceiling:\$100,000,000
 - Award Floor:\$1,000,000
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September 2022 Federal Grant Opportunities

Aloha,

The September 2022 Grants Newsletter is your latest monthly resource for governments, schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses interested in pursuing opportunities for federal grant and cooperative agreement funding. Grant notices have been compiled for opportunities published in www.grants.gov, the Federal government's central website for grant funding. To access my grants e-newsletter click on the September 2022 Federal Grant Opportunities title above.

Section 1 of the newsletter contains current discretionary program listings and research opportunities. Section 2 is a compilation of websites and links to general grant information provided by the Federal Agencies that most often have discretionary grant solicitations.

One program announced recently is specific to Hawaii:

Department of Interior- *National Park Service - Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Development Grant Program CFDA Number 15.071*

Download this grant information in a word document - <https://bit.ly/3yjKTbI>

\$500 Million to Increase Innovative American-Made Fertilizer Production

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Biden-Harris Administration is making \$500 million in grants available to increase American-made fertilizer production to spur competition and combat price hikes on U.S. farmers caused by the war in Ukraine.

“Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA is creating a resilient, secure and sustainable economy, and this support to provide domestic, independent choices for fertilizer supplies is part of that effort,” Vilsack said. “USDA believes in the growth of innovative, local businesses owned and shared by people who can best serve their own unique community’s needs, fill gaps, and build opportunities. Recent supply chain disruptions have shown just how critical it is to invest in the agricultural supply chain here at home. The Fertilizer Production Expansion Program is one example of many Biden-Harris Administration initiatives to bring production and jobs back to the United States, promote competition and support American goods and services.”

Continue reading - <https://bit.ly/3MeqCdh>

RMA Roadshow, Oct. 11, Oct. 13, Nov. 15, Dec. 13

Join the Risk Management Agency (RMA) for virtual workshops covering the ins and outs of the Whole Farm Revenue Protection and Micro Farm programs, which are great insurance options for specialty crop, organic, urban and other producers with diverse operations. RMA subject matter experts will provide an in-depth look at these policies and answer questions. These events are part of a broader roadshow, and there will be additional in-person and virtual events across the country. Details on additional event dates and locations will be announced soon. RSVP is not required.

Tuesday, October 11, 11:00 a.m. Eastern - <https://bit.ly/3SleQKP>

Thursday, October 13, 4:00 p.m. Eastern - <https://bit.ly/3C4tDIA>

Tuesday, November 15, 8:00 p.m. Pacific - <https://bit.ly/3RBFfbH>

Tuesday, December 13, 11:00 a.m. Eastern - <https://bit.ly/3e7N4Z0>

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RMA ROADSHOW - <https://bit.ly/3rCw2W9>

MEO Agriculture Micro Grants Program 3.0

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

The MEO Agriculture Micro Grants Program 3.0 will allow operating farms on Maui, Molokai and Lanai to qualify for grant funds up to \$25,000 that will have a direct impact on the availability of:

- local produce
- local livestock and poultry

- and other related products

The application period will be from 10-17-22 to 12-16-22. Applications must be completed and submitted with all required documentation before the deadline in order to be considered for the grant. You may apply online or in person at 99 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, HI, 96793.

MEO will ensure equitable distribution among applicants in Maui, Molokai, and Lana'i, with preference given to socially disadvantaged farming applications such as women and native Hawaiians. Funding priority will also be given to applicants that did not receive previous MEO Agricultural Micro Grant. This micro grant will be exclusively for food-producing farm businesses that operate on less than an aggregate of 12 acres or up to an aggregate of 40 usable acres for livestock within Maui County, and possess a County business or state general excise license for the farming business as of July 1, 2022.

Fall 2022 Newsletter from the Hawaii Avocado Association

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3Eml6DM>

In this issue:

- Avocado Lace Bug
 - The Worker Protection Standard - WPS
 - The 2022/2023 avocado season is looking to be one of the worst on record for West Hawaii
 - HFUF/HAA Grafting Project
 - On Farm Grafting Services
 - Help Prevent Farm Theft
 - Malama Export Suitability Study
 - Whole Farm Revenue Insurance and NAP
 - Industry Spotlight
 - Hass Prices & Movement U.S. Mainland
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CTAHR SOAP Hānai'Ai The Food Provider V47

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

In this issue:

- Sustainable & Organic Research & Outreach News
 - Publications & Programs
 - Organic Corner
 - For New Farmers
 - Garden with the Master Gardener
 - FYI & Events
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Western IPM Center October Newsletter

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3Cb18ui>

In this issue:

- Western IPM Grants Open
 - Learn about Getting and Managing a Western IPM Center Grant
 - Another Webinar Coming: A Detailed Look at the New RFA and Our Proposal Submission System
 - Funding Also Available for IPM Planning Documents and Economic Analyses of IPM Systems
 - U.S. EPA Launches New Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights
 - Forget Pumpkins: Fall is the Season of Webinars
 - Funding & Grant Opportunities
 - Meetings & Conferences
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The Independent Voice October 2022 Newsletter

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3CfnUQ3>

In this issue:

- President's Report
 - Local Coffee Farmers Brace for Reduced Yields
 - KCFA Education & Protection Committee
 - Farmer CLR Research Receives Additional Support
 - Coffee & Art Stroll - November 5th
 - Coffee Before Shopping May Lead to Impulse Buying
 - Multispectral Imaging and AI to Sort Coffee
 - EU Sets New Rules to Help Limit Deforestation
 - Farm Viability Training Course
 - Survey: Americans Can't Go One Day without Their Cup of Joe
 - HCA Names SCA Prelim Coffee Champs
 - Int'l Coffee Day
 - Coffee with a Cop - Kona & Hamakua
 - Caution on Reading Research Results
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Hawaii Farmers Union United - October Newsletter

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3T17Rwi>

In this issue:

- Next FAM Social - Saturday, Oct. 8th at 3 pm
- Designing a Diversified Farm for Food, Community, & Education
- Sustainable and Organic Agriculture Field Day
- USDA Webinar Introduces Organic Agriculture and the National Organic Program
- Permaculture Water Summit
- The Future of Food & Agriculture in Hawai'i

- Food Summit Collaboration and Stewardship: Building Resilience
 - Growing Cacao to Making Chocolate in Hawaii
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The Kohala Center - Agricultural Resources Bulletin - October 6, 2022

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

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- Opportunities
 - Events
 - Production News
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