

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

UH-CTAHR Associate Dean and Assoc. Director of Cooperative Extension Candidate Presentation and Interviews - Help the Hiring Committee Select the Best Candidate for the Position

The second candidate, Dr. Clive Kaiser from Lincoln University, New Zealand, interviewed on October 24-25. The candidates have been asked to present on the subject of “Building a Strong State Extension Program in Hawaii.”

If you missed his presentation, you can view it as well as recordings of his seminar presentation and the town hall meeting with Extension faculty.

Dr. Kaiser's CV - <https://bit.ly/3DHQ9c8>

Dr. Kaiser's seminar presentation - <https://bit.ly/3NI2zKu>

Dr. Kaiser's townhall meeting with faculty (click play and then wait about 12 seconds for the 2nd recording; then press play again) - <https://bit.ly/3TNC56G>

Your evaluation (<https://bit.ly/3DmsHjc>) for Dr. Kaiser must be submitted by 4:30 PM on (TODAY) Friday, October 28, 2022. Send your evaluation to extsec@hawaii.edu.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Goodwin, hiring committee chairperson, at extad@hawaii.edu.

UH Hilo's Blake Miles' M.S. Thesis Defense on Queensland Longhorn Beetle

Cacao and Kukui are trees preferred significantly by QLB over other trees observed during Dr. Miles' research project. View a recording of his presentation and MS thesis defense by clicking on the link below. The title of his presentation is "Characterization of Queensland Longhorn Beetle (*Acalolepta aesthetica* Oliff) distribution patterns, host selection preference and environmental correlations in Puna District, Hawai'i County, Hawai'i"

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

Rains in Kona and Fruit Cracking and Falling

Heavy rains occurring for an extended period of time can cause fruit cracking and fruit drop (especially) of mature, fully ripe fruit. This can also happen to coffee cherry. Check your fruit trees and harvest ripe fruit quickly to reduce bruising, spoilage, rot, and losses.

-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:

Tuesday, November 8th, in observance of General Election Day

Thursday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 25th, in observance of Thanksgiving

Hawaii Coffee Association October Newsletter

Aloha HCA Members, Supporter and Friends,

SHAC's first Reverse Trade Mission brings coffee buyers, roasters, and company executives from Taiwan to the islands of Oahu and Hawaii from Oct 27 through Nov 2. Led by Ralph Gaston and Madeleine Longoria Garcia who each serve as HCA's representatives on SHAC's Board, this group will visit various farms, processing facilities, and cafes across four distinct growing regions: Oahu, Kona, Ka'u, and Hilo. Planned for this trip are two opportunities for growers in Kona and Ka'u to further connect with our visiting group. Producers who are interested in entering the Taiwan market through green coffee sales are encouraged to attend one of these events. Please see event details below. The event in Kealahou is targeted at Kona coffee growers, while the event in Pahala is targeted at Ka'u coffee growers.

Sunday, October 30th @ 4:30pm

Greenwell Farms

Pau hana & pupus w/ light catering provided by Teshima's

RSVP by Friday, October 21st email - madeleine@pacificcoffeeresearch.com

Monday, October 31st @ 1pm

Pahala Plantation House

Roasted pig lunch & coffee tasting

RSVP by Thursday, October email - camba_gloria@yahoo.com

There will be at least one meat-free option at each event

Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Cupping Competition

The Kona Coffee Cultural Festival has opened submissions for the annual Cupping Competition. The submissions close and coffee samples must be received by October 31 at 4 PM. For details and entry forms visit - <https://bit.ly/3MMhxJ6>

As always, thank you for your support! Sincerely,

Christopher A. Manfredi

Executive Director

Hawaii Coffee Association

Deadline for Kona Coffee Festival Cupping Competition

Kona Coffee Growers

Submissions for the annual Kona Coffee Cupping Competition close in one week!

The deadline for entries is next Monday, October 31.

Please visit the Kona Coffee Festival website for more information - <https://bit.ly/3W9wEAr>

For each entry, drop off two (2) pounds of *green* coffee and the completed registration form to:

UCC Kiosk

75-5568 Mamalahoa Hwy

Holualoa, HI 96725
Drop off hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 4pm
808-322-0750

Register here - <https://bit.ly/3gKS2Mm>

Additional WPS (English) Webinar Opportunities with 1.0 CEu for RUP Credits

Thursday, November 3, 2022
4:00 to 5:15 PM

Register at - **<https://bit.ly/3yBrGST>**

The Hawaii Soil Health Research Hui invites you to a webinar

Aloha e,
I am reaching out on behalf of the UH Mānoa Hawai'i Soil Health Research Hui.

We invite you to the webinar: "A producer-driven implementation of soil health practices in tropical and subtropical regions." The webinar will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

We will be discussing:

- The Hawaii Soil Health Test (parameters and index)
- The Hawaii Soil Health Report
- Current in-field trials
- Soil Health Management Plans in collaboration with NRCS

Please feel free to invite members of your organization. For questions or confirmation, please email us at **hisoil@hawaii.edu**, or reach back to me directly at **johanie@hawaii.edu**

Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3991846132>

Meeting ID: 399 184 6132

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers 32nd Annual Conference – Kona (Registration is Open!)

Royal Kona Resort - Kona, Hawaii

November 4th, 5th, 6th

Register online @ [HTFG.org](https://www.htfg.org)

Coffee Tasting Workshop: Do you know how to brew that perfect cup of coffee?

Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Two sessions offered:

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

The workshop registration donation (fee) is \$25 per person and includes a 2022 Kona Coffee Cultural Festival button. Retain your receipt as your donation (fee) is tax deductible. Registration AND payment are required to reserve your seat(s). Telephone and walk-in registrations will NOT be accepted.

Register online at www.hawaiicoffeed.com/kccfcoffee

Upcoming Webinars for the Week of October 31st

Applying to Become an FSA Intermediary for the Heirs' Property Relending Program 2.0

- Monday, October 31, 2022
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Eastern
- Register in advance for this webinar - <https://bit.ly/3zmR92T>

Nov. 3rd Webinar: Ensuring a Safe Food Supply: Financial Assistance through USDA's Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC) Program

Do you grow specialty crops on your farm or ranch? Have you sold less than \$500,000 worth of specialty crops, each year, for the past three years? If so, FSA has a program to help reimburse you for a portion of the expenses associated with obtaining or renewing your on-farm food safety plan and certification! USDA is providing up to \$200 million in assistance for specialty crop producers who incur eligible on-farm food safety program expenses to obtain or renew a food safety certification in calendar years 2022 or 2023.

Join this webinar on Nov. 3, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern, to learn about Food Safety Certification guidelines for specialty crop growers, as well as program and eligibility details for the FSA Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC) Program to help offset some of the costs associated with food safety certification expenses.

Register - <https://bit.ly/3N8Jefc>

Preparing for Redbay Ambrosia Beetle in Hawaii



PREPARING FOR REDBAY AMBROSIA BEETLE IN HAWAII

Virtual Invasive Pest Workshop

FEATURED SPEAKERS

ROMINA GAZIS | 8-8:20 am
Director of the Plant Diagnostic Clinic at IFAS TREC
→ Symptoms and management of laurel wilt

MONICA NAVIA-URRUTIA | 8:30-8:50 am
TREC postdoctoral research associate
→ Detection strategies

CARLOS DE LA TORRE | 9:00-9:20 am
Avocado grower Homestead, FL
→ Grower perspectives on LW management

ARMANDO MONTERROSO | 9:30-9:50am
R&D Director at Brooks Tropicals, LLC
→ Grower perspectives on LW management

Lisa Keith | 10:00-10:20 am
Research Plant Pathologist, USDA-ARS Hilo
→ Comparisons to other pathosystems already present

ALTHOUGH LAUREL WILT HAS NEVER BEEN REPORTED IN HAWAII, PREPAREDNESS IS KEY

- ✓ Learn the signs and symptoms of beetle infestation and laurel wilt disease in avocados.
- ✓ Hear what UF researchers have learned about this pest and how best to detect and manage it.
- ✓ Hear first-hand grower perspectives on what works and what doesn't.



**TUES
NOV 8
2022**

8-11 am HST

Use the following Zoom link or meeting ID to join the workshop: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609290157>

Meeting ID: 160 929 0157

1109 Virtual Invasive Pest Mini-Conference (Nov 09, 2022 @ 9:30 am HST)

You are invited to attend 1109 Invasive Pest Mini-Conference online on November 9, 2022 (Wednesday @ 9:30 AM HST). This mini-conference is a Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) special featuring some key HDOA projects and operations. Please join us to learn about recent pest interceptions, recent and old biocontrol projects and vertebrate invasive species.

Register at - <https://bit.ly/3MpccqV>

Download the agenda - <https://bit.ly/3emzOOx>

Poamoho Cover Crop Field Day & Fall Mango Showcase

Poamoho Cover Crop Field Day

- November 10, 2022 (Thursday) at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Poamoho Experiment Station, 65-665 Kaukonahua Rd, Waiialua, HI 96791
- Check in at 12:15 pm, please carpool due to limited parking
- Register at: <https://bit.ly/PoamohoCoverCrop>

Cooperative Extension Fall Mango Showcase

- Thursday, November 10, 2022
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am
- Urban Garden Center, 955 Kamehameha Hwy.
- Register at: <https://bit.ly/3saR2Uf>

Bonnie Lind of Lind Insurance Services presents CROP INSURANCE PROGRAMS

- Coffee Cherry Crop Insurance
- Coffee Tree Insurance
- Whole Farm Revenue Protection

NOVEMBER 14, 2022	NOVEMBER 14, 2022	NOVEMBER 17, 2022
9 AM – 12 PM Ka'u Coffee Mill 96-2694 Wood Valley Rd. Pahala, HI 96777	5 PM – 7 PM Robert Herkes Pahala Gym Complex Annex Meeting Room 96-1219 Kamani St. Pahala, HI 96777	2 PM – 6 PM CTAHR Kona Extension Service Conference Room 79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy. Kealahou, HI 96750

Hawaii Chocolate & Cacao Association (HCCA) 2022 Conference on Hawaii Island - Saturday/Sunday, November 12th & 13th

The HCCA 2022 Conference will be held in Hilo and Pepeekeo November 11-13.
Link to the conference and registration – website: <https://hccaconference2022.com/>

The agenda is posted on the HCCA website.

Ka Mai'a Ho'olaule'a - Banana Festival 2022

Slow Food Oahu, Hawaii SEED, the Banana Source and Waimea Valley are working on creating a new event, Ka Maia Hoolaulea or the Banana Festival to be held on Sunday, November 13. We will need an assortment of volunteers to hang up banners, man our booths, give out banana samples and more. If you have the time and inclination, we'd appreciate your presence. At the bottom of this note, you will find more information about the Ho'olaule'a. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Lacques at hokuokekai50@msn.com.

On Sunday, November 13, 11 am-4 pm, The Banana Source, Hawai'i SEED, Slow Food Oahu, and Waimea Valley will host the inaugural **Mai'a Ho'olaule'a/Banana Festival**.

While most of us are familiar with local apple bananas and the ubiquitous central American Chiquita, few of us have ever eaten a Hawaiian banana or enjoyed a savory banana dish. We hope to remedy that at Ka Mai'a 'Ho'olaule'a!

The Fest was created to expand our notions of what a banana is and can be. We've put together a program to help island residents successfully grow and use bananas in various ways.

LAST CHANCE - HDOA CBB-CLR Subsidy Ending June 1, 2023

Aloha Coffee Associations and Associates:

HDOA is announcing that the current funding needs to be spent as it expires on June 1, 2023. Please do all your organization can to get your coffee farmers to get their applications in. If you need outreach materials or Melanie Bondera to attend a meeting or event, please let us know. Please send out the following in your next email or newsletter and every month until June 1.

COFFEE FARMERS: LAST CHANCE to take advantage of the HDOA CBB-CLR Pesticide Subsidy to get 50% back on your receipts for sprays. First come, first serve as the funding lasts, but you must have completed your application by June 1, 2023. **Yes! We are reimbursing Coffee Leaf Rust spray products on our approved list!!** We are reimbursing receipts from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 for approved CBB & CLR sprays (<https://bit.ly/3f5dpHR>). Start your application here (<https://bit.ly/2UKXjZ6>) and we'll help you complete it as your prefer: online, by email, by snailmail, or in person. If you've never used the program before, we will also request your GET#, FEIN#/SS#, and drivers license. Please contact Melanie Bondera at hdoa.cbb@hawaii.gov or 808-323-7578 with questions. Coffee Farmers are all seeing the yield and profit loss in the current harvest from last year's bad round of CLR. Please take advantage of this last round of the Subsidy to help ease farm finances.

-Melanie

Melanie Bondera
CBB-CLR Subsidy Program
Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Phone: 808-323-7578

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 226
Captain Cook, HI 96704

Physical address:

82-6130 Mamalahoa Hwy, Room # 7
Captain Cook, HI 96704

Lavaloha in Hilo is Seeking Agricultural Crew Members

Description:

The Ag Crew's primary responsibility is to support the Agricultural Manager's efforts in cultivating crops and livestock with a primary focus on cacao, coffee, and cattle.

Ag Crew Responsibilities:

- *Be at the right place, at the right time*
- *Correct work attire (job/duty dependent)*
- *Motivation to work*
- *Expect to always work a full day*
- *Safety of yourself and others is everyone's priority*
- *Take breaks at the allotted time for the allotted time*
- *Inspect all machines before and after each use*
- *Attention to detail*
- *See something wrong say something*
- *Drink water*
- *No discrimination toward one another*
- *Always respect peers, and leaders alike*
- *Make sure the job or task is 100% complete before moving on*
- *Maintain a clean and safe workspace*

Ag Crew Duties:

- *Harvest and Inspect Crops*
- *Operate and service farm equipment and machinery*
- *Spray herbicide, pesticide, fungicide, and fertilizer*
- *Maintain crops using best practices*
- *Apply fertilizer, prune, weeding, plant, and soil amendment*
- *Additional duties as needed*

Schedule: Mon-Fri 7:30a-4:00p (weekend availability is required)

Pay range: \$13.00-\$15.00 (experience dependent)

Benefits: Weekly pay period, health insurance, 401k, employee discounts, PTO (after 1 year of employment), 4 paid holidays (New Year's Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day).

This is a dynamic and cohesive work environment that operates in rain or shine.

Contact Keilen Kiyojima if interested

Phone #: 8083154660

Email: keilen@lavaloha.com

FREE Banana Bunchy Top Virus Testing of Banana Trees (HAWAII COUNTY ONLY)

Cooperative Extension received a grant for equipment to detect the presence of the Banana Bunchy Top Virus (BBTV) in samples of banana plants. The grant was approved by the County of Hawaii to lease a fluorometer to detect the presence of BBTV in samples of banana leaves, to support homeowners and commercial growers through this grant.

During Summer 2022, homeowners in the County of Hawaii can submit one sample for testing at no cost, while supplies last. Commercial growers in the County of Hawaii can submit up to two samples at no cost, while supplies last. For more information, email adschilo@hawaii.edu

Alternatively, samples for plant disease testing cost \$12 through ADSC.

<https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/site/ADSC.aspx>

SAVE THE DATE! Grow Hawaiian 2023 - Feb. 25

The Grow Hawaiian 2023 event is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Amy B.H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden. Kim Kahoonei (kimkahoonei@amygreenwell.garden), Friends Director, will be doing most of the planning and communicating. Please contact her with any questions.
