

## **Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter**

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Dear Growers and Friends,

Congratulations to the Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers and their well-attended and educational annual conference held in Kona! Matt and I had a wonderful time joining you with our outreach booth display.



Also, a big congratulations to the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival organizers, volunteers, and participants of the cupping competition! It was exciting to see such high cupping scores for the different divisions. Much appreciation to Bob Nelson who co-hosted two coffee tasting workshops with us at the extension office. A booth display at the Ho'olaule'a rounded out our weekend for the festival.



The window to sign-up for crop insurance is closing soon (Dec. 31) for coffee tree, coffee fruit, banana tree, macadamia nut tree, macadamia nut, and papaya tree.

See the flyers and announcements below for an opportunity to meet (crop insurance agent) Bonnie Lind in-person and to learn about coffee crop insurance and the whole farm revenue protection (WFRP) program. On Thurs., Nov. 17th and Dec. 1st, UH-CTAHR will also be hosting a live Q&A panel discussion on coffee crop insurance. And, the USDA Risk Management Agency is hosting a roadshow event on WFRP and micro farm insurance programs for specialty crop and organic producers. Their next webinar is on Tues., Dec. 13th at 6:00 AM HST.

-Andrea

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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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**UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Offices will be closed on the following days:**  
Thursday, November 25th, in observance of Thanksgiving

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**Bonnie Lind of Lind Insurance Services presents CROP INSURANCE PROGRAMS**

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

November 17, 2022

2 pm – 6 pm

CTAHR Kona Extension Service Conference Room  
79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI 96750

Workshops consist of a short presentation on basics of the Coffee and Whole Farm policies and how claims work, followed by discussion of how to sign up, given every 30 minutes. Drop in and get a signup packet!

Email: [agsecure@sbcglobal.net](mailto:agsecure@sbcglobal.net)  
Phone: 888-276-7728

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**Coffee Leaf Rust is Covered by Crop Insurance**

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 9:30 am HST & Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 9:30 am HST  
To receive the Zoom link register at [www.HawaiiCoffeeEd.com/coffeeinsur](http://www.HawaiiCoffeeEd.com/coffeeinsur) & watch the pre-recorded presentations at: <https://bit.ly/3kbxRGr>

**If viewing the presentations just prior to the live Q&A panel discussion, please join us on Zoom at 8:25 am HST.**

The presentations will cover topics such as:

- Coffee pest and disease coverage including CLR, tree removal/replacement
  - Good farming practices, record keeping, the pre-acceptance inspection and what to expect
  - Causes of loss, what is and is not covered, filing a claim
  - Coffee fruit and coffee tree crop insurance
  - Whole farm revenue protection
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**Collecting Coffee Samples to Create Isotope Footprint - Help Needed!**

**Stopping Counterfeit Kona, Oritain and You!**

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 4pm via Zoom

Counterfeiting has long been the bane of Kona coffee. But the science is catching up to the

criminals. Oritain (<http://bit.ly/3OadFT1>), a multinational ag traceability company, is collecting samples of Hawaiian coffees statewide in order to create an isotope “fingerprint” for each region, where potentially fake Kona can be compared against the real deal. Finally, fraud can be proven on a scientific basis.

KCFA, Oritain’s ambassador in Kona, needs your help gathering the samples. We are looking for a little less than one lb (400 grams) of green beans from thirty individual TMK’s from around North and South Kona. Parchment is also acceptable. The samples will be shipped to Oritain’s New Zealand lab and will be used to create an anonymous database for origin traceability. This database can be used at all levels of the supply chain to prove the origin of coffee sold as Kona.

**Join Oritain and KCFA on Zoom this Wednesday at 4pm to learn more about the process and sampling protocols. If you can’t make the Zoom meeting but still wish to participate, email KCFA to arrange for a sample pickup.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**-click below a few minutes before 4 pm on Wednesday  
<http://bit.ly/3GiRnfl>

Meeting ID: 851 9418 3808  
Passcode: 174122  
One tap mobile  
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To download a pdf presentation from Oritain at the HCA conference, go here: <http://bit.ly/3tQgIGF>

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### **Hawaii Coffee Association: Taiwan Trade Mission**

HCA's SHAC representatives hosted a group of coffee buyers, roasters, and company executives from Taiwan last week. HCA’s SHAC Board reps Ralph Gaston and Madeleine Longoria Garcia coordinated the trip in partnership with the State of Hawaii’s Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offices in Honolulu and Taipei. The delegation visited coffee growers, mills, roasteries, and cafes in Honolulu, Kona, Ka'ū, and Hilo. There were several opportunities for growers to connect to forge business relationships and increase Hawai’i coffee knowledge and exports to Taiwan. We look forward to the benefits of this trip in the coming years.

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### **Kona Coffee Farmers Association Conference Feb 2023**

Aloha Members & Friends of the KCFA,

On behalf of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association (KCFA), I would like to invite you to participate in our first Annual Conference and Member Meeting. The conference is scheduled for Friday February 24, 2023 from 9 am-4 pm at the Outrigger Kona resort & Spa, 78-128 Ehukai Street, Kailua Kona, Hawaii, 96740. Setup starts at 7am and take down its 4 pm-5 pm.

Please see the next page to learn more about our different sponsorship levels (<http://bit.ly/3g93CRw>). We are anticipating about 100 attendees. While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted many businesses, the demand for coffee continues to be very strong. COVID-19 protocols will be followed in accordance with CDC guidelines and the policies of the Outrigger that are in effect at the time of the event.

We are inviting you to participate as a sponsor to help support this new event and the growth of KCFA. The conference will cover many topics pertaining to farmers including soil health and ways to increase profitability.. General sessions will take place in the Bayview Meeting Rooms with lunch provided outside of Ray's on the Bay. Vendor displays will be in the hall and lanai and will open at 7:00 a.m. for setup. Sponsors will receive lunch tickets associated with the sponsorship level they have chosen. We are also excited to offer our top tier sponsors five minutes to talk to the membership ala an infomercial!

Please RSVP by contacting Carolyn Witcover at 808-640-1647 ([carolyn54@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn54@gmail.com)). We will be sending a follow-up reminder of this opportunity in December.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Carolyn Witcover Conference Committee Chair  
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### **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

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### **Laurel Wilt Workshop Recordings**

Hello everyone,

I want to thank our speakers again for their willingness to join us today via zoom to share their experience and expertise on Laurel Wilt. It was a fantastic morning and I know I will have a lot to think about over the next few weeks, and maybe a few things to try in my own lab, as we seek to develop new strategies to sustainably manage invasive pests and pathogens.

There are two recordings from this morning that I wanted to share. The first video was cut off at about 10 min, so the recording was resumed, breaking the workshop into two parts. As we conduct additional workshops or trainings in the future, I will plan to grow this you-tube page and add to it for the long-term to be referenced as needed by our growers in Hawaii and elsewhere.

Feel free to share these links widely, especially with those interested growers in your contact lists that weren't able to join us live today.

With much aloha,  
Dara

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Laurel Wilt Preparedness Workshop Videos

Part 1 - [https://youtu.be/TzdJxBAXT\\_8](https://youtu.be/TzdJxBAXT_8)

Part 2 - <https://youtu.be/iV5i0fEh3IE>

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**Hawaii Farmers Union United 2022 Annual Convention**

December 2-4, 2022

Hawaii Taro Farm, Waikapu, Maui

All welcome, Optional Camping, Local Food

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**Mahalo - 1109 Invasive Pest Mini-Conference**

Mahalo!! everyone who attended the 1109 Mini-conference last week Wednesday. It's my pleasure to host and interact with six informative talks. Thanks to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and the

speakers - Helmuth Rogg, Chris Kishimoto, Noni Putnam, Janis Matsunaga, Darcy Oishi, and Mohsen Ramadan for making it special.

Here is the link to the mini-conference video recording <http://bit.ly/3TGnedc>

A chat note is also attached. I have 199 registered and 102 attended participants at the peak. I am sorry that some of you could not make it to the mini-conference. I am sharing this recording with the group so that everyone can view it at later dates.

Sincerely,  
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### **HMNA November Meeting**

Aloha,

You are invited to our monthly board meeting for the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association. It is next Tuesday, November 15th at 10:30 AM on Zoom. Please find our October minutes attached (<http://bit.ly/3OcNgnl>) for review and our November agenda (<http://bit.ly/3Adld1t>).

Thank you,  
Anne Ridgely  
HMNA President

Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association's Zoom Meeting  
Time: Nov 15, 2022 10:30 AM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting  
<http://bit.ly/3V1SqVI>

Meeting ID: 393 250 6362

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### **MALAMA KAUAI - Kauai Farm News // NEW Farmer & Rancher Grants**

Visit <http://bit.ly/3OaMveD> to view the full newsletter. In this issue:

- Last Farmer & Rancher Food Access Meeting November 16th
  - New East Side Food Hub Pickup
  - Workshops & Education
  - Grants & Resources (and jobs!)
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## **Hawaii Farmer Union United Newsletter**

View the full newsletter at <http://bit.ly/3tzH4ME>

In this issue:

- From Anny Bruch, our Interim President
  - HFUU Chapter Highlight
  - Enter to Win an All Access Pass to HFUU 2022 Convention
  - 30 Under 30!
  - Mahalo nui to Johnny's Selected Seeds for sponsoring our convention this year at the Keiki O Ka 'Aina Level!
  - HFUU Music & Speaker Series
  - Endorsed by the HFUU-Hana Chapter
  - Free Zoom Class for keiki and their families to explore the ho'oilō wet season food... citrus!
  - Preparing for Redbay Ambrosia Beetle in Hawaii
  - HIP agriculture Beginning Farmer Training Program
  - Ag News & Opportunities
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## **The Kohala Center Agricultural Resources Bulletin: November 3, 2022**

View the full newsletter at <http://bit.ly/3tvaMCA>

In this issue:

- Opportunities
    - Next GoFarm Hawai'i Beginning Farmer Training cohort on O'ahu's North Shore
    - Hāmākua Ag Co-op is hiring a manager
  - Events
    - Mana Up Showcase
    - GoFarm Hawai'i AgCurious online webinar
    - Train the trainer: Women Farmers Network farm business viability
    - 32nd annual Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Conference
    - Hawai'i Chocolate & Cacao Association Conference 2022
    - Financing assistance for farmers and ranchers
    - Energy project funding
    - Hawai'i Farmers Union United 2022 annual convention
  - Production news
    - Share Plants Not Pests video series
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## **USDA FPAC Hawaii and Pacific Basin November Newsletter**

View the full newsletter at <http://bit.ly/3TTXhax>

In this issue:

- RMA Roadshow Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. HST
  - New NRCS Website
  - FSA Encourages Farmers and Ranchers to Vote in County Committee Elections
  - Noninsured Crop Coverage Helps Producers Manage Risks
  - USDA NRCS Accepting Applications for Key Programs
  - It's No-Till November!
  - USDA announces details for the upcoming Census of Agriculture
  - USDA Needs Your Feedback
  - Honolulu County FSA Office is Hiring
  - November Interest Rates
  - Dates to Remember
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### **FSA National Outreach & Education Update - November 2022**

View the full newsletter at <http://bit.ly/3OaeUI9>

In this issue:

- FSA Outreach Focus
    - Scheduled November Webinars
    - Virtual Workshops Highlight Improvements to Whole-Farm Revenue Protection and Micro Firm
    - USDA Extends Regional Food Business Centers Application Deadline to Dec. 15
    - USDA Invests \$3.3 Million in Two New Partnerships to Expand Outreach on Crop Insurance to Underserved Producers
    - In Case You Missed It
  - Scheduled November Webinars
    - Ensuring a Safe Food Supply: Financial Assistance through USDA's Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC) Program
    - Form 1099 Information Returns
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