

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

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Dear Growers and Friends,

Please join us on Tuesdays in February and early March for **Coffee Leaf Rust Research and Management Update Webinars**. These events will consist of one or two pre-recorded presentations from researchers and/or extension followed by a live Q&A session.

We'll have presenters from USDA ARS PBARC, HARC, and UH-CTAHR who will share information and updates about CLR research projects, field trials, and disease management.

**Beginning at 9:00 am HST**, I will play the PowerPoint presentations via Zoom. These presentations will be about 20-25 minutes each and played back to back. Following the presentations, I will open things up for a live question and answer session with presenters and guests that should last about 35-45 minutes.

**Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. This link will be valid for all presentations and Q&A sessions.**

Visit <https://bit.ly/3DpPQCv> to register or contact Matt at (808) 322-0164 at least 2 days prior to the event.

The pre-recorded presentations will be available at the Kona Extension Coffee Leaf Rust Playlist on YouTube (<https://bit.ly/3kSvKKy>) at least a day before the event for those who would like to view it sooner.

So far, we have scheduled:

- **Feb. 7** - TBD but likely a presentation by Andrea Kawabata of UH-CTAHR on the "Use and Timing of Priaxor Xemium Applications for Coffee Leaf Rust Management in Hawaii"
- **Feb. 14** - Dr. Roxana Myers of USDA ARS PBARC - "Management of Coffee Root-knot Nematodes on CLR-infested Farms"
- **Feb. 21** - Dr. Melissa Johnson of USDA ARS PBARC
- **Feb 28** - Two presentations
  - Dr. Lisa Keith of USDA ARS PBARC
  - Dr. Zhiang Cheng, Julie Coughlin, and Lilly Buchholz of UH-CTAHR - "Assessing the Field Efficacy of Various Conventional and Biological Fungicides in the Control of Coffee Leaf Rust"
- **Mar 7** - Dr. Ming-Li Wang of HARC

If you have any questions about these webinars, please contact me at [andreak@hawaii.edu](mailto:andreak@hawaii.edu), 808-322-4892, or 415-604-1511 (text ok).

-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:**  
Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents' Day

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**UH-CTAHR – Basics of IPM & Lace Bug Control Strategies – Monday, January 30 / 6:00-8:00 PM**

Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> (6pm-8pm) – virtual workshop

Please join us, virtually, for a workshop presentation about:

1. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Practices.
2. Avocado Lace Bug Control strategies

**This Event is Sponsored by the East-Oahu Hawaii Farm Bureau**

**Register for free at: <http://bit.ly/3wt5XeI>**

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**In Person USDA Grant Info Sessions**

Join USDA Rural Development and partners for informational sessions on the Rural Energy for America Program and Value-Added Producer Grants for rural businesses and agricultural producers.

- **Hilo - Mon. Jan. 30th – Noon to 1:30 pm**
  - **Hawaii County Office of Aging ADRC Training Room**
  - **1055 Kino'ole St. Hilo, HI 96720**
  
  - **Kona - Mon. Feb. 6th – Noon to 1:30 pm**
  - **West Hawai'i Civic Center – Community Meeting Hale**
  - **74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy. Kailua-Kona, HI 96740**
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**Registration for KCFA Symposium**

Join us at 9am February 24th Friday at the Outrigger Keauhou Resort for a full day of coffee-related speakers, information and socializing. Free to members, and only \$40 for lunch for non-members and guests.

Speakers include:

- Sharon Hurd, new Chair of Hawaii Department of Agriculture
- ARS Scientists with the latest research and IPM guidance on CLR
  - Fungicide efficacy
  - Pruning Methods
  - Soil Health

- Agroforestry techniques for farm health
- Coffee marketing
- Roasting workshops
- And much more!

**For Members, our Annual General Meeting will be held during the event, with an update on KCFA activities and an election of new board members.**

**Members and Guests, please Register Here: <https://bit.ly/3XsS2Rz>**

**\*\*Registration closes Feb. 10\*\***

**Sponsor a coffee service here! <https://bit.ly/3Qm5zYo>**

**The Outrigger Keauhou is located at 78-128 Ehukai Street. We will be in the Bayview Room, adjacent to Rays on the Bay (not the Convention Center). Parking is free.**

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**Book your Booth Today for the 16th ANNUAL AVOCADO FESTIVAL on Saturday, February 11, 2023**

Needed Vendors & Volunteers...

Vendors: Artisans, Farmers and Service Providers, book your booth today for 16th Annual Avocado Festival, a free event for members of the community and a great opportunity to have booth space for you to promote your business & sell your products to residents and tourist alike.

Booth space still available. Sign up today. <https://hawaiianwellness.com/upcoming-events>

Saturday Feb. 11, 2023 at Hale Halawai in Downtown Kona

10 am - 4 pm

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

\$30 County Vendor Permit for GET - payable in cash at event

\$125 Inside Pavilion, Tables & Chairs are provided

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

Download the forms from <https://hawaiianwellness.com/upcoming-events> , fill them out and email forms to Randy at [randyldna@earthlink.net](mailto:randyldna@earthlink.net) . Or you can mail the application and check to address on agreement form.

Or you may prefer to text or call Randy Rupar (808) 936-5233.

Credit Cards Accepted

Mahalo!

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### **Promoting Local Food Sustainability Forum**

**Feb 23rd, 2023 – 12:00 – 1:30 pm**

**Meeting ID: 829 8985 2070**

**Passcode: 368839**

Speakers will briefly explain their current projects, followed by a moderated discussion to identify opportunities to work toward food sustainability on our UH campuses.

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### **Disaster Preparedness & Food System Resilience in Hawai'i**

**Friday, January 27, 2023, 5:00 PM**

Kawaiwai at Mō'ili'ili

1110 University Ave

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

**Featured Speakers:** David Lopez, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Subhashni Raj, Department of Urban and Regional Planning; Marcel Honoré, *Honolulu Civil Beat* reporter (moderator)

**Lead Sponsors:** Hawai'i Institute for Sustainable Community Food Systems, Honolulu Civil Beat, Kawaiwai at Mō'ili'ili

**Event Sponsors:** College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources, Future of Food and Agriculture in Hawai'i, Ulupono Initiative

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### **Ag Exports Are Big Business: Learn how on Thursday 1/26**

**The World is Hungry for Hawaii Ag Products. Here's a FREE Program to Get a Seat at the Table.**

- Thursday January 26, 2023, 9:00 - 10 a.m.
- Virtual format on the Zoom platform
- **Register at - <http://bit.ly/3kFub2B>**

Agricultural products--including drinks and processed foods--are a growing export for the Hawai'i economy. This webinar will introduce you to federal, state and county resources that are available to agricultural exporters, along with information about international trade shows where Hawai'i will have a strong presence in 2023.

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### **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](mailto:kimkahoonei@amygreenwell.garden)), Friends Director, will be doing most of the planning and communicating. Please contact her with any questions.

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## **USDA Announces Signup for 2023 Assistance for On-Farm Food Safety Expenses for Specialty Crop Growers**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, 2023— The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds specialty crop producers of available assistance to help cover certain costs of complying with regulatory and market-driven food safety certification requirements.

To continue reading visit - <http://bit.ly/3R5CJM7>

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## **USDA FPAC Hawaii and Pacific Basin January Newsletter**

View the full newsletter - <http://bit.ly/3JgVHO3>

In this issue:

- Farm Service Agency Announces County Committee Election Results
  - The 2022 Census of Agriculture is Underway
  - Maui County is Eligible for Emergency Loans
  - Application Cut-off Date for Conservation Stewardship Program is February 10th
  - Application Cut-off Date for Agricultural Conservation Easement Program is February 17th
  - January Interest Rates
  - Dates to Remember
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