

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

Because of timing, not all events and announcements make it on our newsletter. However, as we receive them, they are posted here (<https://go.hawaii.edu/qgy>) under the "Events and Announcements" tab. You can also search and find more specific announcements by clicking on one of the 70+ categories that best describes an event, topic, or announcement you are seeking. Just click on the "Events and Announcements" tab at the [HawaiiCoffeeEd.com](https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com) website, scroll down and to the right, and click on a category.

Don't forget! We also have dozens of recorded presentations on CLR and CBB management, crop insurance, record keeping, and coffee grafting at the Kona Extension YouTube account (<https://go.hawaii.edu/ygH>). I encourage you to check them out if you haven't done so already.

Have a great rest of the week and a terrific weekend,
Andrea

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

Coffea liberica rootstock seedlings available – Big Island ONLY

These are plants are second generation, open pollinated liberica seedlings. Research has shown variation of coffee root knot nematode tolerance when second generation, open-pollinated seedlings are used as rootstock. **Hence, these plants are to be used as rootstock grafting material ONLY and NOT for planting out and harvesting rootstock seed from.**

We currently have about 100 large *Coffea liberica* seedlings and 20 racks (98 ct) of younger *C. liberica* seedlings available at the Kona Research Station. The larger seedlings can be used to graft larger (approx. 1/4") mother plant scion materials onto. The smaller seedlings can be used to graft seedling materials onto with the Reyna Method.

For grafting larger scion materials, we have had success with leaving at least 2 leaves below the graft, using a splice graft, and grafting onto the green internode or stem of the rootstock with a scion of similar diameter. We have used electrical tape to bind the scion and rootstock together at the graft union and then parafilm to cover the scion and graft union to reduce drying and transpiration. Photos from the "Catimor Hybrid CLR-resistant Coffee Project at the Kona Research Station" recorded presentation (<https://go.hawaii.edu/yrh> - fast forward to 13:23) may be helpful to you while Andrea works on an advanced grafting presentation for the future. For grafting of younger scion materials with the Reyna Method, see this presentation (<https://go.hawaii.edu/4ry>).

Please contact Matt at mnmiyahi@hawaii.edu if you are interested in *Coffea liberica* rootstock seedlings. Quantities are limited. First come, first serve. Pick up on the BIG ISLAND ONLY at this time.

GoFarm Hawaii and Oahu RC&D: Introduction to Growing Cacao Series Starting August 7

Aloha,

We are excited to share that GoFarm Hawai'i and Oahu RC&D are partnering to bring you a 4-part series introducing cacao growing. This series includes visits to a cacao orchard to learn about establishment and cultivation, chocolate production facilities with cacao buyers, and to a cacao aggregator to learn about processing and fermentation.

- ~~1. August 7 @ 5:30pm - Intro Webinar (Zoom) - Learn about current trends in cacao production and meet local growers and experts.~~
- ~~2. August 12 @ 8:30am-12:30pm - Establishing a Cacao Orchard (Kamananui - North Shore Oahu)~~
3. September 9 @ 8:30am-12:30pm - Cacao Buyers and Chocolate Processing (Lonohana Chocolate - Kaka'ako + Manoa Chocolate - Kailua)
4. October 20 @ 8:30am-12:30pm - Cacao Harvesting and Processing (Mapele Fields - Kaneohe)

Cost: \$50 for full series.* Space is limited. Register here - <https://go.hawaii.edu/3oy>

Beekeeping Course October 2023

October 1, 8, 15, and 22 2023

11 am – 3 pm

Honokaa, Hawaii

Cost: \$140 for materials, \$267 for tuition

Maximum of 8 students

For more information: birdandbeehawaii.com, birdandbeehawaii@gmail.com, 808-936-6019

33rd Annual HTFG Conference – Security Starts with the Soil

Oct 05, 8:00 AM – Oct 07, 2:00 PM

Blaisdell Center, 777 Ward Ave, Honolulu HI 96814

The theme for this year's conference is Security Starts with the Soil, so food security and soil health will both be highlighted. The conference will include speakers from around the islands, as well as some international guests. Speakers will include farmers, government officials, and various fruit experts.

UPDATE: The venue for the conference is now the Blaisdell Center, at 777 Ward Ave in Honolulu. Tickets will be available soon! However, you can RSVP here (<https://go.hawaii.edu/yAu>) to let them know you're interested in attending.

Join Us! Mālama the Farmer, Caring for Yourself and Each Other – An AgrAbility Regional Workshop in Hawai'i

October 17-18, 2023

Grand Naniloa Hotel

93 Banyan Drive, Hilo, HI 96720

Registration Fees

- Oct 17-18: \$225

- Oct 17 only: \$150
- Oct 17 Pau hana - \$50

Questions – please contact tmckeel@goodwillfingerlakes.org or jbrath@goodwillfingerlakes.org

Learn about NRCS Funding Opportunities

NWQI & WaterSMART Event

October 18, 2-4 pm

Waimea Civic Center, 67-5189 Kamamalu St., Waimea

Join the Natural Resources Conservation Service to learn about funding opportunities and meet NRCS conservationists. At this free event, we'll discuss the National Water Quality Initiative and Kohala WaterSMART Initiative. For more information, contact our Waimea Service Center at (808) 885-6602.

Mark your calendar / Ka'u event - Coffee Tea Water: Essential Elements Expo

Coffee Tea Water: Essential Elements Expo - <https://go.hawaii.edu/FXy>

Saturday, October 21, 2023

9am - 5pm

Na'alehu Sports Park (Ka'u), Hawaii island

FREE ADMISSION

Hosted by Stargazer Industries

This event celebrates the elements that we all cherish: Coffee, Tea & Water...Music & Food. From Ka'u Coffee & Tea farmers, and Hawaii island Bottled Water, to Food & Retail vendors from around Hawaii island, including

LIVE musical performances by artists from across the state.

This is the **FIRST LARGE EVENT in DECADES** for the District of Ka'u.

PARKING is On-Site at the event and also at the OKK Naalehu Farmers' Market, Naalehu Methodist Church.

100% of the Proceeds go to the public schools & educators in Na'alehu and Pahala, in District of Ka'u, Hawaii.

Farmers Gathering- Wednesday, October 25

Aloha all,

As promised, the Events and Social committee will host another gathering on October 25th, 2023, starting at 4 PM. We have elected to use the same location, the Kahalu'u Beach Park on Ali'i Drive. Parking is convenient and free if you register your vehicle, and the Pavilion can accommodate a large group. Hopefully, it will be a little cooler in October.

The event's main goal is to provide the coffee farmers and its supporters, an opportunity to connect or re-connect and socialize with other like-minded persons. While we are in the middle of the picking season, we all need a short break and it will be a good time to share the latest Coffee Berry Borer, Black Twig Borer, and Coffee Leaf Rust observations with other farmers.

Please remember to bring a dish to share and beverages. KCFA will have a keg of beer for those who come early. We look forward to seeing you all again in October.

Franck Carisey, KCFA Social & Events Committee Chair

10th Annual Hawaiian Airlines Made in Maui County

November 3 & 4, 2023

RSVP by email to: Office@MauiChamber.com

Ladies Artisan Market Online Retreat

2023 Let's Get Visible – Early Bird

Snatch your Early Bird Ticket for the

Let's Get Visible Retreat Now!

November 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, 2023

Join them for an extraordinary online virtual retreat. Where you will experience Expert Business Training, Connection with other Fempreneurs, and Create your Customized 30-day Visibility Plan!

Come away ready to SMASH your Holiday business goals!

Early Bird Registration - <https://go.hawaii.edu/tgy>

USDA Launches Program to Support Agricultural Employers and Farmworkers, Aiming to Increase Economic and Supply Chain Resilience as Part of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda

The Biden-Harris Administration today announced that agricultural employers can begin to apply for a pilot program designed to improve the resiliency of the food and agricultural supply chain by addressing workforce challenges farmers and ranchers face. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), in coordination with other federal agencies, is announcing up to \$65 million in grants available for the Farm Labor Stabilization and Protection Pilot Program (FLSP Program).

The program will help address workforce needs in agriculture, promote a safe and healthy work environment for farmworkers, and aims to support expansion of lawful migration pathways for workers, including for workers from Northern Central America, through the Department of Labor's seasonal H-2A visa program. The program makes good on a commitment made and announced

(<https://go.hawaii.edu/Ygy>) as part of the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection and is funded by President Biden's American Rescue Plan.

Continue reading - <https://go.hawaii.edu/ygW>

USDA to Begin Issuing \$1.75 Billion to Agricultural Producers Through Critical Emergency Relief Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that it will begin issuing more than \$1.75 billion in emergency relief payments to eligible farmers and livestock producers. These much-needed payments are helping farming and ranching operations recover following natural disasters in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

“USDA provides substantial economic support for America’s farmers and ranchers through its critical farm program payments. These payments are reflective of the incredible and cumulative financial hits brought on by devastating natural disasters that agricultural producers nationwide have endured while fulfilling their commitment to produce our food, fiber and fuel,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “This additional assistance helps offset the tremendous losses that these producers faced and is a valuable investment, not only for farmers and ranchers but in the economic successes of our communities – rural and urban – and in our nation’s food security for generations to come.”

Continue reading - <https://go.hawaii.edu/Cgy>

HDOA Announces Maui Pesticide Disposal Event for Registered Participants

Greetings Everyone,

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce the date and time for the Maui Pesticide Disposal Event - <https://go.hawaii.edu/ygv>

Maui Disposal Event

Friday, December 15, 2023

8:00am-3:00pm

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 24, 2023 by 4:30pm

The location will only be provided to registered participants. Only registered items will be accepted on the day of the event.

The HDOA and/or the HDOA’s contractor, EnviroServices & Training Center, reserves the right to deny any waste not registered for the drop-off event.

There will be no enforcement action! Participants will remain anonymous. No information that could personally identify you or your business will be published. EnviroServices & Training Center will keep participant information confidential and will not be sharing participant information with the HDOA.

Below is the Official Registration Form. All registration forms must be sent to EnviroServices & Training Center.

Point-of-Contact: Kara Nakachi or Alex Krause

Telephone: 808-456-3494

Contact email: wm@gotoetc.com

Facsimile: 808-839-4455

DO NOT SEND REGISTRATION FORMS TO THE HDOA

Further resources may be found on the Pesticide Disposal Program webpage:

<https://go.hawaii.edu/pgy>

The webpage includes information on:

- Accepted-Unaccepted Materials;
- Disposal Schedule;
- FAQs;
- Pesticide Transportation Safety Tips; and,
- Registration Form - <https://go.hawaii.edu/egy>

Looking forward to your attendance. Please contact me or our contractor, EnviroServices & Training Center, for any questions.

Regards,
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USDA FPAC Hawaii and Pacific Basin September Newsletter

To view the full newsletter visit - <https://go.hawaii.edu/ygz>

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 - NRCS Pacific Islands Area Announces Change in FY24 Application Deadlines
 - Inflation Reduction Act Section 22007 – Discrimination Financial Assistance Program
 - USDA Launches Farm Labor Stabilization and Protection Pilot Program to Support Agricultural Employers and Farmworkers
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Hānai'Ai The Food Provider V51

View all of the Hānai'Ai newsletters - <https://go.hawaii.edu/V2d>

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THE KOHALA CENTER: Agricultural Resources Bulletin: September 21, 2023

View the full newsletter - <https://go.hawaii.edu/ugy>

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