

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

Volume 2-1, February 2023

Dear Growers and Friends,

Recording - Basics of IPM & Avocado Lace Bug Control Strategies

For those who may have missed the Avocado Lace Bug webinar or could not get in because of a full event, please find the recording link below. If you have questions about ALB, pesticide use on avocado, or this past event, please contact Amjad Ahmad at alobody@hawaii.edu.

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

CLR Research and Management Update Webinars with Live Q&A

Please join us on Feb. 7th for our first session. I will have a recording titled "Use and Timing of Priaxor Xemium Applications for Coffee Leaf Rust Management in Hawaii" up on the Kona Extension YouTube Coffee Leaf Rust playlist (<https://bit.ly/3REpzWP>) by Monday the 6th. This presentation is meant to compliment previous BASF and HDOA presentations and will include three examples of spray schedules that include Priaxor in the rotation.

For each Tuesday session from Feb. 7 to Mar. 7, the agenda will be as follows:

- **9:00 AM** - Pre-recorded presentation(s) from the days' presenter(s) will be played on Zoom
- **Following the PPT(s)** - Live Q&A session with the presenter(s)

Please visit www.HawaiiCoffeeEd.com/clrwebinars to register and view presenters' names, title of presentations, and any guests for the sessions. Each pre-recorded Powerpoint presentation will be uploaded to YouTube at least a day before the event and will run about 20-25 minutes each. There may be 1-2 presentations per session followed by a live question and answer session with presenters and guests. Revisit the website for any updates and additions to the sessions.

This event is free and open to all, but you must register to receive the Zoom link, which will be valid for all sessions.

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

HR Basics

Getting ready to hire employees? It's a big step in the life cycle of your company's development.

Join us and learn what employers need to do before hiring employees. Learn about the staffing decisions

you need to make, developing policies and procedures, processing payroll, and wage and hour compliance. We will also be discussing different recruitment strategies to attract candidates and the various employment laws you need to know when hiring employees.

Our Speaker is Mislyn Alensonorin, Sr. HR Consultant with Vantaggio HR

Wednesday, Feb. 8

10:30 am - noon

\$15

On-line Webinar

Register Now - <https://bit.ly/3Y2SSoq>

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.

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 . 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!

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.

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.

MCA Workshop: Nitrogen Fixing Trees for Improved Orchard Health

Topics covered will include species selection, benefits, propagation techniques, inoculation, management, and chip production.

February 19, 2023 9:00 am – noon

Free to members for MCA; \$15 for nonmembers (includes enthusiast membership)

Food and Beverage provided

Sponsored by Maui Coffee Association with County of Maui, Office of Economic Development

Text Janet @ 808-344-2817 for registration and details

Capacity limited to 40 attendees

Tropical Fruits Featuring Ken Love

Monday, March 6

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Kea'au Community Center

16-186 Pili Mua St, Kea'au, HI 96749

Presented by: Hilo County Farm Bureau & Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers East Hawaii Chapter

No cost to attend, light refreshments, networking

Questions? Contact hilocountyfarmbureau@gmail.com

Recording - Basics of IPM & Lace Bug Control Strategies

View the recording - <https://bit.ly/3HqybLS>

SCBGP FY23 Webinar - Monday, Feb 6, 9 am

Hawaii Specialty Crop Producers,

We'll be conducting an Informational Zoom Webinar for Specialty Crop Block Grant Program FY23:

When: Feb 6, 2023 09:00 – 10:00 AM Hawaii

Topic: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program FY23 – Informational Webinar

RFP Information: <http://bit.ly/3HT8k0K>

What is SCBGP: <http://bit.ly/3jtkhke>

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/92370858864>

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Webinar ID: 923 7085 8864

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/j/92370858864>

Mahalo,

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USDA Announces Grants for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making available up to \$7.5 million for grants through its Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (OUAIP). The competitive grants will support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production projects through two categories, Planning Projects and Implementation Projects. USDA will accept applications on Grants.gov until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 27, 2023.

Continue reading - <http://bit.ly/3HXLYLK>

USDA Announces February 2023 Lending Rates for Agricultural Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced loan interest rates for February 2023, which are effective Feb. 1, 2023. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) loans provide important access to capital to help agricultural producers start or expand their farming operation, purchase equipment and storage structures or meet cash flow needs.

Continue reading - <http://bit.ly/40vgW4Q>

The Independent Voice February 2023 Newsletter

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3HT8FAy>

In this issue:

- Coffee Symposium for Agribusinesses
- KCFA Annual General Meeting

- Coffee Roasting Workshop
 - Help is Needed to Prepare Symposium Signs
 - CLR Research & Update Webinars
 - Rural Energy for America Program Grants Available
 - The Science of Coffee - A Podcast Series
 - New KCFA T-Shirts
 - Respond to the 2022 Census of Agriculture
 - 52 Fun Coffee Facts
 - USDA Names Appointees to Serve on FSA State Committee
 - Kona Sun Launches Spreadable Hawaiian Coffee
 - Join KCFA
 - CBB/CLR Pesticide Subsidy
 - Salute to Business Member - Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers
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USDA Newsletter, 2022 Census of Agriculture, Cattle Stats

View the full newsletter - <http://bit.ly/3X2vZA4>

In this issue:

- Introducing the NASDA GAP Toolkit
 - USDA Invests \$10M to Support Community Food Projects
 - Increasing Food Access Through Farmers Market Implementation & Education
 - RMA Workshops on Crop Insurance for Specialty Crop, Organic Producers
 - Open Opportunities
 - Current Funding Available
 - USDA NASS - Pacific Region Cattle - <https://bit.ly/3wVvpK0>
 - Hawaii ag producers near Feb. 6 deadline for 2022 Census of Agriculture - <https://bit.ly/3YpwZzd>
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NASDA GAP Toolkit, Investments in Community Food and More

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3X2vZA4>

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Western IPM Center February Newsletter

View all the newsletters from the Western IPM Center - <http://bit.ly/3zRD3FJ>

In this issue:

- Motorists Can Support Oregon's Bees with a Special License Plate
 - Want to write better proposals? We have a suggestion or two.
 - Engage Your Peers without Leaving Home: Present at The IPM Hour in 2023
 - California Unveils Plan for Statewide Sustainable Pest Management
 - Nematodes Native to Wisconsin Show Pest-Killing Possibilities for Cranberry Growers
 - Northern Giant Hornet Pest Alert Available
 - In Other News
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O'ahu RC&D February News and Updates

View all O'ahu RC&D newsletters - <http://bit.ly/3iXX3Qn>

In this issue:

- Bioswale Field Day Draws a Crowd
 - O'ahu RC&D's Farm Viability Cohort Learns Risk Management and Resilience Opportunities
 - Farmers & Watershed Stewards on O'ahu's North Shore - Apply for Funding Now!
 - Watershed Health Opportunity for Ag Producers Expands to Kaukonahua area!
 - News & Opportunities
 - Access to Local Food & Produce
 - Updated O'ahu Soil Water Conservation District Meeting Schedule
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