

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

CLR Research and Management Update Webinars with Live Q&A

Please join us again on Feb. 14th for our second session. My recorded presentation on "The Basics of Grafting Coffee" is available at the Kona Extension YouTube Coffee Leaf Rust playlist (<https://bit.ly/3K4q2Qc>). A presentation recording by Dr. Roxana Myers (USDA PBARC) titled "Management of Coffee Root-knot Nematodes on CLR-infested Farms" will be up soon on this same CLR playlist.

For each Tuesday session from Feb. 14 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 about a day before the event and will run about 20-25 minutes each. There will 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. Please register to receive the Zoom link, which will be valid for all sessions.

Kona Coffee Farmers Association Coffee Symposium and Annual Meeting

We hope to see you at the KCFA Coffee Symposium (<https://bit.ly/3XrGv4i>) on Friday, February 24 in the Bayview Room of the Outrigger Keauhou (78-128 Ehukai Street, Kailua-Kona). Matt and I will have an educational booth and will (as long as everything turns out ok) have a blind cupping of at least two coffees. We are not selling any coffee, but would love your participation in selecting which coffee you prefer.

-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

CLR Research and Management Update Webinars with LIVE Q&A

Save your Tuesday mornings from February 7 to March 7, 2023!

Beginning at 9:00 am, one or two pre-recorded PowerPoint presentation will be played on Zoom and a live Q&A with the presenter(s) will follow. Each presentation will be about 20-30 mins.

We'll have speakers from USDA ARS PBARC in Hilo, HARC, and UH-CTAHR share information and updates about Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR) research projects, field trials, and disease management.

Register at <https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/clarwebinars.html>

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.

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

Train the Trainer Workshop: Worker Protection Standard

Become qualified to train farm employees who work in the field, handle, and/or apply (organic or conventional) pesticides

Thursday, February 16, 2023

10:00 am to noon

Kona Research and Extension Center, Conference Room

(79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI 96750)

Register at www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/t3wps

HTFG O'ahu Tools of the Trade

Join Galen from Ace Hardware Haleiwa for a demo of the newest and best power tools for orchard care. He'll show us battery operated and gas powered tools such as chainsaws, pole saws, etc. He'll also go over small engine maintenance basics and answer all your small engine questions.

After the presentation, we will tour the HTFG Oahu Fruit Tree Repository at Lokoea Farms and the HTFG Oahu Nursery will be open for plant sales.

All attendees must be registered & have a ticket (Click RSVP below to register). Event is free for paid HTFG members, \$5 cash at the event for non-members. Join HTFG at htfg.org.

@ Lokoea Farms

62-394 Joseph P. Leong Hwy, Haleiwa, HI 96712

Directions will be sent to registered guests prior to the event.

March 18, 2023

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

Save the Date for HCA 2023 Annual Conference & Cupping Competition

Aloha, HCA Friends and Supporters!

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 28th HCA Annual Conference & Cupping Competition. We are planning on hosting a live event on the Island of Kauai at the beautiful Kauai Beach Resort & Spa.

For information about sponsorship opportunities, trade show and silent auction please follow this link - <https://bit.ly/3lg6U7w>. We hope to see you at the conference!

HCA Planning Committee

USDA To Gather Cash Rent Data – Hawaii – Released February 6, 2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the Cash Rents and Leases survey starting Feb. 6. The survey provides the basis for estimates of the current year's cash rents paid for irrigated cropland, non-irrigated cropland, and permanent pasture. Over 241,000 survey recipients across the United States have been selected to complete the survey, with approximately 500 in HI which can be completed online at agcounts.usda.gov, by mail or phone. If respondents do not complete the survey by February 24, they may be contacted for an interview.

To continue reading visit - <https://bit.ly/3DVxPw7>

News Release from Dept. of Agriculture

HDOA's Market Development Branch is accepting applications for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023.

Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops. Applicants may submit grant proposals for up to \$50,000. The deadline to file is noon on March 3, 2023.

To view the news release, go to: <http://bit.ly/3YiHCo8>

News Release from Dept. of Agriculture

The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture is currently accepting applications for the Compost Reimbursement Program FY2023, which may reimburse agricultural producers for the cost of purchasing compost.

To view the news release, go to: <http://bit.ly/3DSDQtu>

For information on the program, go to: <http://bit.ly/40He6K9>

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

Funding Opportunity Title: Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

Original Closing Date for Applications: Apr 27, 2023

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$28,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$750,000

Award Floor: \$49,000

Read more - <http://bit.ly/3jJrGfg>

National Farm Medicine Center Farmer-Rancher Survey

Researchers at the National Farm Medicine Center and The Ohio State University are looking for farmers and ranchers who are raising children 0 to 18 to participate in an online survey. The survey asks about your families' experiences taking care of children (ages 0 to 18) while working on and off the farm/ranch. The survey is open to part-time and full-time farmers, ranchers, and their partners operating in rural, urban, or suburban areas. Participants have the option to enter a raffle for one of fifty \$50 checks.

To fill out the 15 to 20-minute survey, visit this link: <https://bit.ly/3I9C2yB>

For questions or to request a paper survey, contact Florence Becot at 715-389-9379 or becot.florence@marshfieldresearch.org
