

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

FREE Medical Evaluations and Respirator Fit Testing Events for Coffee and Orchard Crop Producers and Workers

Take advantage of our final appointment slots with Dr. Lindborg on April 12th in Kona and on April 14th in Hilo for FREE medical evaluations. We have three appointment times remaining on the 12th and five appointment times remaining on the 14th. Appointments with Dr. Lindborg take about 20 minutes.

Complete this medical authorization form (Bilingual - <https://bit.ly/3KNL9Gp>) AND medical evaluation questionnaire form (English - <https://bit.ly/3zO6rxw> / Español - <https://bit.ly/3MycM7Y>) and bring the completed forms with you to your medical evaluation appointment. You must first be approved by a medical physician to wear/use a respirator while spraying organic or conventional pesticides and attend a respirator use training event. Once approved, you can then be respirator fit tested to be sure that you are wearing your respirator properly.

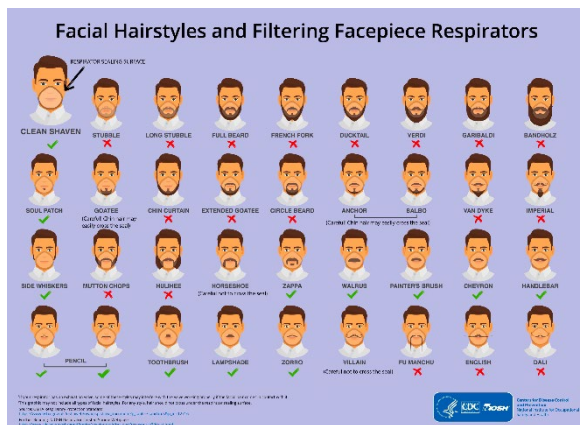
Respirator fit testing with Jennifer Weisbrod will take about 20 minutes as well and also require an appointment. We have spots still open on April 12th and 13th in Kona, on April 14th in Hilo, and April 15th in Pahala. But, you must be approved by a medical physician to wear/use a respirator BEFORE you can be respirator fit tested.

If appointment times with Dr. Lindborg get filled or are not convenient for you to attend, you can still get medically evaluated by your primary care physician (PCP) or online by a 3M physician. Complete the medical authorization form (Bilingual) AND medical evaluation questionnaire form (English / Español) and bring the completed forms with you to your medical evaluation appointment with your PCP or complete it online at the 3M website (<https://bit.ly/41bwdqY>). There may be a fee (\$29+tax) for each 3M medical evaluation or for visiting your PCP.

Our partners from the Hawaii Community Health Center will also be present from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm on April 11, 12, 14, and 15 to measure blood pressure and glucose levels at no cost and with no appointment needed.

Register for sprayer calibration, respirator use and fit testing, and medical evaluations at <https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/calandrespfittest.html>.

Prior to respirator fit testing, be sure to follow CDC guidelines for facial hair and shave as necessary to ensure a secure and proper fit of your respirator(s). Don't forget to thoroughly clean and dry, and bring your respirator with you to your fit testing appointment. Click the posters below to enlarge.



- *If your respirator has an exhalation valve, some of these styles may interfere with the valve working properly if the facial hair comes in contact with it.
- †This graphic may not include all types of facial hairstyles. For any style, hair should not cross under the respirator sealing surface.
- Source: OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (<https://bit.ly/3Gvss7S>)
- Further Reading: NIOSH Respirator Trusted-Source Webpage (<https://bit.ly/3GyN5A6>)

If you have any questions, please contact me at andreak@hawaii.edu or 415-604-1511 (text ok too) as soon as possible.

-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:
Friday, April 7th, in observance of Good Friday

Coffee Industry Survey Re: CLR-resistant Varieties of Catimor hybrids, False Tupi, and Obata

Aloha,

For the past two seasons (2021-2023), UH-CTAHR Kona faculty and staff have maintained, harvested, collected yield and cherry size data, and cupped coffee from individual Catimor hybrid trees at the Kona Research Station in Kainaliu. In April 2023, we will cup the top trees from the 2022-2023 crop. If you would like to learn more about our Catimor hybrid project, please view a recorded presentation at <https://bit.ly/40aNqQY>.

So far, CLR has not caused sporulating lesions on any of the 20 of trees and 8 of the top Catimor hybrid trees have been confirmed by USDA ARS PBARC as CLR-resistant. Two seasons of observations and harvests have also given us a better understanding of the top producing and top quality trees from this

field. In addition, we have False Tupi and Obata varieties which are also showing resistance to CLR.

Currently, we are at a point of determining if growers are 1) interested in receiving plant materials from these top Catimor hybrid trees, False Tupi, and/or Obata trees, and 2) how growers prefer to receive the plant materials if they are made available to the industry.

We are NOT currently distributing seed or plant materials to the industry. However, to help determine our next steps, please complete this survey and provide us with your feedback - <http://bit.ly/43nGF0K>. This survey is open to all coffee producers in Hawaii, but is NOT anonymous.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at andreak@hawaii.edu, 808-322-4892, or 415-604-1511 (text ok).

-Andrea

HDOA's CBB/CLR Pesticide Subsidy Program

Funding runs out in June 2023, so don't miss this opportunity to get reimbursed for both CBB and CLR receipts!!

Aloha Coffee Farmers,

There is help out there for your struggles with Coffee Leaf Rust!! Please send in your application for the CBB-CLR Subsidy and get 50% reimbursement of your spray product receipts.

Start on the program webpage (<https://bit.ly/3lL7uUm>) to get an application (<https://bit.ly/3lsRghk>) and view a list of HDOA-approved products (<https://bit.ly/3lGU8bs>) that we reimburse. Please email the completed form to hdoa.cbb@hawaii.gov with your receipts from 7/1/21 - 6/30/22. If you prefer, call for a paper application and mail it in with your receipts. You can also come to the office in Captain Cook for an appointment.

If you're new to the program, there's one more form to fill out and I will need your GET#, and SS# or FEIN# as well as an ID. If you need help with spray decisions, and understanding when to use or mix CLR sprays, please see UH-CTAHR's spray document (<https://bit.ly/3xHGU85>), especially the excellent table at the end on pages 5-7.

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April Webinars**April 11: Starting a Business in Hawaii**

10:00 - 11:30 am

Register here - <https://bit.ly/3Ue2lme>

Have you ever thought about owning your own business? How Do you go about doing that? Come learn about:

- Deciding on a type of business entity
- The logistics of setting up your business
- Finding the money to start
- Identifying your customers and marketing
- Writing a business plan
- Finding a system for keeping track of all that money you'll be making.

We can help you with all of these issues and help identify the resources you'll need to help you move forward.

Presented by Dennis Boyd, SBDC West Hawaii Center Director

April 20: The 6 Step Process to Food Business Success

9:30-11:00 am

Register Here - <https://bit.ly/3mdQ61T>

The 6 Step Process for Successful Food Business Management is the strategic road map that helps food biz entrepreneurs customize their own strategy and road map to success. In this webinar you will learn about the Tri-pod of Success and The 5 R's - tools that empower and enable food and beverage business owners to succeed with far less mysterious outcomes and hard work and far more focused results-creating efforts.

This webinar is presented by an industry veteran chef and renowned national trainer, Deagon Williams, who now brings the business side to the food world to help others succeed on their own terms.

GoFarm Hawaii AgOrchard Course Summer 2023

Aloha,

We are excited to announce that applications are open for this summer's AgOrchard Course, which will teach the basics of commercial orchard production from planning and layout to maintenance and harvesting. The course will also incorporate business skills such as financial analysis and marketing.

Dates: **May 31 - August 5, 2023**

Times: **Wednesday 5:30-7:30pm (online), Saturdays 8:00am-2:00pm (field)**

Location (for Saturday classes): **Various orchards around Oahu**

Application Deadline: **May 15**

For more info and to apply: visit www.gofarmhawaii.org

Food/Environment Presentation

My name is Stephen Sturdivant, and I am the Region 6 lead for the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Sustainable Food Management program. I would like to invite you to another free virtual event where we will get an overview of the impacts of modern agriculture on the environment, public health, and climate change, how agriculture is currently regulated, and what can be done to reduce that impact and help shape a sustainable climate-friendly and fair food system. Our speaker will be Peter Lehner, currently Managing Attorney of the Sustainable Food & Farming program at Earthjustice and former Executive Director of NRDC and Chief of the New York Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau. Peter teaches a seminar on food systems and US environmental law and is a frequent speaker as well as the co-author of Farming for Our Future; The Science, Law, and Policy of Climate-Neutral Agriculture.

When: Tuesday, April 25th, Central Daylight Time: 2:00PMCDT – 4:00PMCDT *** Please note the time zone is for Dallas, Texas

To add to your calendar: <http://bit.ly/3ZVmdkY>

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Join the meeting: <http://bit.ly/3Gnujf5>

Meeting ID: 222 439 680 104

Passcode: kjfgMJ

Also, I can give a presentation to your class at your leisure to discuss the environmental impacts of our food choices and simple ways we can reduce those impacts. I would be happy to give this talk for free. Email or call to schedule a time.

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News release from Dept. of Agriculture

Good morning!

HDOA's Market Development Branch has opened a grant program for Hawai'i food hubs that support Hawai'i farmers and ag producers.

The news release may be viewed at: <http://bit.ly/3mhx7DF>

Opportunity from HCA - Have any green coffee to sell?

HCA team is attending the 2023 SCA Expo (<https://bit.ly/3ZHLYFa>) in Portland later this month where we will be promoting Hawaii coffee. If you produce green 100% Hawaii coffee and have any of it available for sale, please fill out this survey (<https://bit.ly/3KDqPrf>), so we can give out your contact info to any interested buyers. Please submit this survey no later than **April 15**.

Thank you for your response!

Ralph Gaston
SCA Planning Committee Chair
Hawaii Coffee Association

Hānai'Ai The Food Provider V49

To view HānaiʻAi newsletters visit - <https://bit.ly/2WUe1Rs>

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Western IPM Center April Newsletter

View all of the Western IPM newsletters - <https://bit.ly/3zRD3FJ>

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