

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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Dear Growers and Friends,

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Christopher A. Manfredi

Executive Director, Hawaii Coffee Association

If you need help to complete your census form, call your USDA FSA county office (<https://bit.ly/3nmvp4A>). Every office has an enumerator who can help you.

Hawaii Coffee Association Annual Conference and Cupping Competition

June 15-17, 2023

28th HCA Annual Conference & Cupping Competition

Kauai Beach Resort & Spa; Lihue, Kauai

View the conference agenda here - <https://bit.ly/3LJt2BY>

Register, enter, and book your stay now!

- Early bird conference registration ends **April 30!** - <https://bit.ly/3NojAp2>
- Cupping entries must be received (not sent in) by **May 3.** - <https://bit.ly/3p00POE>
- Special Kauai Beach Resort & Spa booking rates end **May 15.** - <https://bit.ly/3VkfXIU>

For information about sponsorship opportunities, trade show and silent auction please follow this link <https://bit.ly/41OXqR8>

Maui Farm Visits

I will be on Maui on May 9-10 and am scheduling coffee farm visits. I'll have about three appointment times available each day around 10 am, 1 pm, and 3:30 pm (depending on farm locations). I can discuss CLR and CBB management on a more individualized basis, provide publication handouts, etc. Appointments are on a first come, first served basis. There is no charge for these farm visits and growers are welcome to include their friends, relatives, and fellow farmers to these visits at their site.

Farmers can contact me to set an appointment. My email is andreak@hawaii.edu. If anyone would rather call, they can leave a message with Gina at 808-322-4892 or call me directly at 415-604-1511 (text ok too).

-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, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day

Avocado Lace Bug, Avocado Grafting & General Management

Friday, May 5
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Online Webinar

For more information or to register visit - <https://bit.ly/41TJbdv>

How to do Business with FEMA

Thursday, May 11, 2023
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Eastern Standard Time (EST)
Pre-Registration Required - <https://bit.ly/3VdpOtO>

HAWAII ISLAND: World Bee Day, May 20th, Mokupāpapa Discovery Center, Hilo

May 20th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Mokupāpapa Discovery Center
76 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo

Want to volunteer or set up a booth?
Email: birdandbeehawaii@gmail.com or text (808)936-6019

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

How do organic farmers deal with CLR? Organic options for CLR Management Public Education and Q&A

May 24, 2023 - 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Mahina Mele Farm, 83-5504 Middle Keei Road, Honaunau

Schedule includes:

- Video overview of project
- Dr. Hector Valenzuela of UH-Manoa on agro-ecosystems and local inputs
- Drake Weinert of Pure KNF Foundation on Korean Natural Farming IMOs
- Dr. Melissa Johnson of USDA-ARS on data collection and analysis
- Future steps for research and outreach efforts

If you plan to attend contact: colemel2@gmail.com

HCA 2023 Statewide Cupping Competition. Register Today!

Aloha, Hawaii Coffee Growers!

This is a final reminder to submit your coffee samples for the HCA Cupping Competition (<https://bit.ly/3VhAVBN>)!

NOTE: the registration deadline has been extended through this Wednesday, May 3.

The Cupping Competition is the Hawaii Coffee Association's opportunity to honor the work and innovation of Hawaii's coffee growers. The competition provides several benefits including feedback from professional coffee tasters (Licensed Q Graders), expanding market opportunities, and the chance to collaborate, network and celebrate the progression of and improvements in Hawaii-grown coffee.

The Hawaii Coffee Association has again partnered with Pacific Coffee Research (<https://bit.ly/41EWZsB>) to administer our 14th annual statewide cupping competition. PCR has

selected a panel of Hawai'i-based licensed Q Graders to assess and score samples using SCA protocol and methodology at their Kona lab.

Registration opens on April 10 at 9 am and closes on May 1 at 4 pm.
Entries must be received (not sent in) by **May 3. Entry fee is \$100 per entry.**

Competition Registration - <https://bit.ly/3VhAVBN>

Please contact Cupping Competition Committee Chair Brittany Horn at brit@pacificcoffeeresearch.com, or call (808) 494-2643 with any questions or comments.

Thank you for your support of Hawaii Coffee! Happy Cupping!

Christopher A. Manfredi
Executive Director
Hawaii Coffee Association

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

*****Announcement - Invasive Pest Conference (August 9 & 10, 2023)*****

Aloha Everyone,

This is an announcement that the **In-person Invasive Pest Conference** is confirmed for **August 9 and 10, 2023 at Pikake Room in Blaisdell Center, Honolulu** on Oahu. Please mark your calendar and secure these dates. I am pretty sure that many of us can attend and present our most recent work on invasive pest species in Hawaii. Please plan for a talk on current issues of invasive pest species - new detections, rapid responses, research and extension findings/achievements in Hawaii. Shortly, I will be calling for the talk/presentation for this conference.

I also wanted to introduce an organizing committee for this conference who are working together to put up an agenda as well as other logistics of this conference. The members of the organizing committee along with me are:

Amjad Ahmad (CTAHR)
Chuck Chimera (HISC)
Kailee Lefebvre (CGAPS)
Leyla Kaufman (HISC)
Nate Dube (OISC)
Zhiqiang Cheng (CTAHR)

Thank you all. I will keep you posted.

Sincerely,
Roshan

Kona-Based Coffee Company Wins Two Good Food Awards - Both are Hawaii-grown Coffees

On Friday, April 21st, it was announced that Pacific Coffee Research is a winner for the Good Food Foundation's annual Good Food Awards Coffee Division. They won with their 100% Kona and 100% Ka'u roasted coffees, grown by Aloha Star Coffee Farms and Wood Valley Coffee Farm, respectively. The awards ceremony took place at Revolution Hall in Portland, Oregon, where Pacific Coffee Research was invited to speak on behalf of the coffee awardees. Pacific Coffee Research (PCR) sourced and roasted these coffees which were rewarded on cup quality and their commitment to ethical business practices. PCR is the first Hawai'i-based company to win in this division and this is the first time a Ka'u coffee has won a Good Food Award. Madeleine Longoria Garcia, co-owner, "congratulates the growers of these fantastic coffees, Karina & Armando Rodriguez of Honomalino and Rus Kuznetsov & Alla Kostenko of Wood Valley." Brit Horn, PCR's co-founder, adds "this win stems from a mission that is rooted in collaborative efforts and trusting partnerships. We continue to be inspired by and in awe of the Hawai'i coffee community and our small but mighty team at Pacific Coffee Research." Good Food Awards are given to companies showcasing tasty, authentic, and responsible products.

Read the full news release - <https://bit.ly/3VtdgyJ>

KAWAINUI FARM: Grape Booklet Available!

Aloha Grape Lovers

Our new Grape Booklet is available for reading or download on the Kawanui Farm website
www.kawanuifarm.org

NEW Spring Growth in the Vineyards!

Although our Western SARE "Grapes for Hawaii" Project has come to an end, our grape research and education continues. We will send an occasional Shout-out when we have new information such as videos, blogs, or other research to share with you.

Please stay in touch and let's work together to make delicious grape varieties part of our community food systems!

Mahalo for your continued interest and support,

Gerry Herbert and Nancy Redfeather
www.kawanuifarm.org
nancyredfeather@hawaii.rr.com

WSARE: Professional + Producer Grant Program Accepting Proposals

This grant program involves an agricultural technical advisor (main applicant) and producers implementing projects to address identified needs in sustainable agriculture. With the collaboration of at least three producers, projects must integrate research and education aiming to advance the three components of sustainable agriculture- environmental, economic, and social- and use innovative educational outreach to disseminate new knowledge to producers and other agricultural stakeholders. It is expected that outcomes of funded projects will result in quantifiable benefits for producers, increase the preservation of the natural and social resources upon which agriculture relies, and be shared with other producers. \$75,000 limit/one-three years in scope.

Proposals are due October 31, 2023

Learn more and download the Call for Proposals - <https://bit.ly/3NgkCU0>

Myth Busting FSA's New Revenue-Based Disaster and Pandemic Assistance Programs

In January, we announced two new programs designed to assist producers who experienced revenue losses from 2020 and 2021 natural disasters or the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs are revenue-based and feel a little different from our regular programs, but the goal is to better support farmers.

Both the Emergency Relief Program (ERP - <https://bit.ly/41WkZaq>) Phase Two and the Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP - <https://bit.ly/41ZlwHi>) offer a holistic approach to disaster assistance and provide economic support for producers who bear the financial brunt of circumstances beyond their control.

With the rollout of any new program, there is a learning curve for producers and employees alike. ERP Phase Two and PARP are no exception. To encourage producer participation in these valuable programs, I'm going to do my best to debunk some myths and misconceptions surrounding ERP Phase Two and PARP.

With a June 2, 2023, deadline to apply for both programs, it's important that we clear up confusion about how to apply, what documents are required for participation, insurance requirements and related misinformation making its way across the countryside.

Continue reading - <https://bit.ly/44cG2XY>

Plant Materials Program 2022 Report of Activities

Plant Materials Centers publish an annual report to summarize significant Plant Materials related activities within a calendar year. The report provides information on new plant materials developments, studies and the results of activities or studies. As a whole, the reports serve as a gauge of what resource needs are predominant in a particular area of the country and illustrate the breadth of activities that occur at Plant Materials Centers.

To read about the Hoolehua Plant Materials Center visit - <https://bit.ly/40FSahq>

Hurry! Submit Your 2022 Census of Agriculture! While the Ag Census Questionnaire is Required by Federal Law, it is Also How Hawaii Receives Funding!

We are running out of time and our return rate is 43%, a whole 10% below the national return rate. While Hawaii wants data, we fail to submit the survey which is the only way data is counted.

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NEWSLETTER EMAIL BLURB:

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SOCIAL MEDIA SHORTER (Twitter):

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USDA Rural Development: Funding Opportunities, Resources, Events and Learning: Innovation Matters

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/3VdoYx0>

In this issue:

- *NEW* \$1 Billion of Inflation Reduction Act funds available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
 - Funding Opportunities for Infrastructure
 - Funding Opportunities for Community and Economic Development
 - Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communities
 - Resources and Publications
 - Events and Learning
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THE KOHALA CENTER: Agricultural Resources Bulletin: April 20, 2023

View the full newsletter - <https://bit.ly/41K3bjb>

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 - Production News
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