

Kona Cooperative Extension – Events and Announcements Newsletter

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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, August 18th, in observance of Statehood Day

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>

Informational Meeting For The HDOA Pesticide Disposal Program - Next Opportunity is Tues., Aug. 8

Greetings,

This is Adam Williams, Project Manager for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's ("HDOA") Pesticide Disposal Program ("PDP"). Starting Tuesday, July 25, 2023, from 9am – 10am, the HDOA will be holding a series of zoom meetings to discuss the HDOA's PDP.

The PDP will provide an available, affordable, and environmentally accessible mechanism by which any agricultural entity, licensed pest control operator, landscape professional, pesticide dealer, and other commercial users of pesticides in the State can, for free, dispose of up to 250 lbs of canceled, suspended, unwanted, and unlabeled ("CSUU") pesticides. **No enforcement action will be taken** against participants for disposing of CSUU pesticides.

The goal of the PDP is to promote a cleaner and safer Hawaii by reducing the amount of pesticides which could potentially impact human health or the environment.

We will be discussing:

- Acceptable and unacceptable materials;

- Who's eligible to participate;
- Getting registered;
- The event date and time; and,
- Frequently asked questions.

Meeting Information:

Who: The Hawaii Department of Agriculture

What: Informational meeting for the pesticide disposal program

When: every Tuesday from 9am-10am. Starting from Tuesday, July 25, 2023 to Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Where: Zoom

Why: to provide information on the HDOA's Pesticide Disposal Program

Zoom meeting link: <https://go.hawaii.edu/yoj>

Or One Tap Mobile:

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Or Telephone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Webinar ID: 826 7684 8354

Please contact me for any further questions. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Adam Williams (Environmental Health Specialist)

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Invasive Pest Conference

August 9-10, 2023

Pikake Room, Blaisdell Center, Honolulu

View the agenda - <https://go.hawaii.edu/Poy>

Questions? Contact Roshan at roshanm@hawaii.edu.

HDOA Seeking Public Comments for USDA's Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program

The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is seeking public comments **through Aug. 11, 2023**, on funding priorities being developed for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Resilient Food Systems

Infrastructure Program (RFSI). Hawai'i has been earmarked for \$3.2 million in block grant funding; however, the program requires HDOA to conduct outreach to stakeholders to determine the priorities for the state application.

The purpose of the RFSI program is to develop and administer state-coordinated initiatives to build the resilience of the state's food supply chain for food crops.

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

Worker Protection Standard Webinar

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

3:00-4:15 PM

Visit www.HawaiiCoffeeEd.com/wps 2 to register

Open House, AgCurious Webinar, and Next GoFarm Cohort - Kauai

Aloha,

We are recruiting for our next GoFarm cohort on Kaua'i and would love your help to reach potential farmers. We are hosting an Open House on July 1 and our AgCurious webinar on September 7. More details are shared below and on our website at www.gofarmhawaii.org.

Thanks for your support!

Mahalo,
GoFarm Hawaii

AgCurious Online Webinar: September 7 @ 5:30pm

The first step to learn more about our beginning farmer training program and how to apply. Register here - <https://go.hawaii.edu/yox>. (Attendance is required to apply for AgXposure/AgXcel.)

AgXposure: October 5 - November 2

Learn from local farms and get exposure to farm work (Wednesday evenings (online) and Saturdays).

AgXcel: November 16 - June 1

Learn farm production and business skills from our coaching team during Thursday evening (online) and Saturday field classes. Plant, manage, and market your own 7-week CSA vegetable production at our farm site in Lihue.

More info available at <https://gofarmhawaii.org/agcurious-faqs/>.

JOIN US: HDOA Hawaii Pavilion @ Fine Food Australia, Sept. 11-14, Sydney AUS, 2 BOOTHS AVAILABLE

Fine Food Australia is the country's leading trade exhibition and has been connecting buyers and sellers within the food service, hospitality and retail industries for over 38 years.

Australia has proven to be an appealing and profitable market for U.S. companies for many years. As of

2021, Australia ranks 9th in the world for U.S. exports of processed foods. Australia is an open market with minimal restrictions on imports of goods and services. The process of opening has increased productivity, stimulated growth, and made the economy more flexible and dynamic. Australia's economy continues to expand, and the market presents an excellent opportunity for U.S. exporters.

33rd Annual HTFG Conference – Security Starts with the Soil
Thursday, Oct 5th-7th
UH-West Oahu, Oahu

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

Small Business Grants

We're always asked about grants for small businesses, and frankly, there aren't many, but here are some we just heard about. If interested act quickly, as application deadlines for some of these are coming up soon.

PayPal Holdings, Inc., has brought back the Venmo Small Business grant for a second round. The \$10,000 grant can be used for anything, including rent, or to digitize or promote a business. Apply by August 7 - <https://go.hawaii.edu/2oy>

The **Antares REACH Grant Program**, in partnership with the Global Entrepreneurship Network, will provide \$20K grants to small businesses. The focus is on companies that have an established product or market fit, have clearly identified needs for growth, and are owned by historically underrepresented entrepreneurs. Apply here - <https://go.hawaii.edu/yok>

Pet food brand Cesar, part of Mars Inc., launched a grant program to help small-business owners make their workplaces more dog-friendly. The grants, for either \$2,500 or \$5,000, can be used for new dog programs or expanding existing ones. Deadline is August 11 - <https://go.hawaii.edu/Xoy>

The **America's Seed Fund program from the National Science Foundation**, open to early-stage

companies that need to prove their technology and find their market potential, has made about 3,400 awards to startups and small businesses since 2012. The grant program gives out roughly \$200 million per year to eligible businesses.

Learn more - <https://go.hawaii.edu/yoy>

Hawaii Department of Agriculture Seeks Public Comments on Priorities for New Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program

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August 2023 "The Independent Voice"

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

In this issue:

- Message from President Petersen
 - KCFA Potluck Event
 - CBB Blog in "Entomology Today"
 - Does "Wakefulness" Depend on Caffeine
 - Vertical Solution for Kona Coffee Pruning
 - Exposure to Coffee Roasting Chemicals
 - 26 Coffee Hacks for a Better Cup
 - Coffee Meant Freedom
 - Pesticide Disposal
 - Guatemala Coffee Report
 - EUDR & the Int'l Coffee Supply Markets
 - PCCA: Stolen Coffee Alert
 - El Nino Will Brew Up Economic Storm
 - Recipe: Cold Coffee Cubes
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Hawaii Coffee Association's Summer Newsletter - August 2023

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

In this issue:

- HCA Conference Wrap-up

- Pacific Coffee Research Wins Two "Good Food" Awards Both are Hawaii-Grown Coffees
 - Q Calibration, Roasting and Processing Course at Monarch
 - Priaxor Xemium announcement has been retracted as the label requires storage of Priaxor in original containers only and containers may not be reused or refilled as well.
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USDA FPAC Hawaii and Pacific Basin July Newsletter

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

In this issue:

- Farm Service Agency Now Accepting Nominations for Farmers and Ranchers to Serve on Local County Committees
 - Enrollment Period Begins for USDA's Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program
 - State Committee Spotlight: Alan Gottlieb, Ponoholo Ranch Limited
 - USDA Expands Wildlife Conservation with New Investments in Working Lands for Wildlife
 - Urban Producers, Public Invited to Attend August Meeting of Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production
 - USDA Invests \$3 Million to Support Cooperative Soil Science
 - Dates to Remember
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The Kohala Center's Agricultural Resources Bulletin: July 20, 2023

View the full newsletter - <https://go.hawaii.edu/8oy>

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 - News for Co-ops, Collectives, and Hui
 - Production News
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July News from Western SARE

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In this issue:

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