

Disaster Assistance & Crop Insurance Programs Webinar

Hawai'i Farmers' Disaster Relief Fund

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OVERVIEW

- 1,800 Farms and Ranches impacted
- 29,000 acres affected
- \$49.1 million in estimated losses/damages

North Shore/Waialua Recovery Work

- Partnership with HFB, ASH, HFU, CCH, HIEMA, DOT, NG, Field Assessments & Recovery Coordination, Jayme Barton
- Conducted field assessments and direct outreach with agricultural communities across Waialua. Covered over 1,200 acres of impacted areas, encompassing around 300+ farms.
- Identified the highest-priority recovery needs preventing farmers from returning fields to production.
- Developed a community-by-community recovery framework prioritizing plantability first, followed by flood safety and infrastructure resilience.
- Identified approximately 55,000 linear feet of priority ditch clearing and drainage restoration across impacted agricultural areas.
- Supported documentation and assessment of debris removal, road stabilization, culvert failures, bridge impacts, and soil rehabilitation needs.
- Developed both short-term emergency recovery recommendations and long-term watershed resilience strategies.
- Coordinated with agencies and partners to identify and pursue funding through USDA EWP, ECP, and conservation programs.

Challenges Farmers Face Accessing Assistance

- Many farmers lack crop insurance
- Some producers do not qualify for government programs
- Small/diversified farms often fall through gaps
- Leasehold farmers remain vulnerable
- Language/access barriers exist

Hawai'i Farmers' Disaster Relief Fund

Partnership Between the Hawai'i Agricultural Foundation and the Hawai'i Farm Bureau

Purpose:

Provide relief to help farmers:

- Recover
- Rebuild
- Continue Farming

Include:

- \$250,000 raised to date
- Gap assistance/stabilization focus
- Designed to support farmers who may not qualify for traditional assistance programs



Support Hawai'i's Farmers. Support Our Future.

Recent Kona Low storms have caused severe damage to farms across our islands—destroying crops, flooding fields, and disrupting livelihoods. Our farmers are the backbone of Hawai'i's local food system. When they are impacted, we all feel it.

Help Farmers Recover & Rebuild

The Hawai'i Farmers' Disaster Relief Fund, a partnership between the Hawai'i Agricultural Foundation and the Hawai'i Farm Bureau, provides direct support to farmers affected by the storms—helping them recover, rebuild, and continue feeding our communities.

How You Can Help

Every contribution—big or small—makes a difference.

- Make a donation today
- Scan the QR code
- Share with your friends and family



Stand with Our Farmers

Together, we can ensure Hawai'i's farmers have the support they need to keep growing food for our islands.



Mahalo for supporting local agriculture and helping sustain Hawai'i's food future.

Community Partnerships:

ALOHA FOR HAWAI'I with Hawai'i News Now



Mai Tais & Burgers to Mālama

- Participating Marriott Waikīkī Collection and Sheraton Maui restaurants are donating:
- **\$1 from featured burger and mai tais**
- Fund will go directly to Hawai'i Farmers' Disaster Relief Fund
- Partnership through May 31
- Residents and visitors can directly support local farmers through the campaign

Hawai‘i Farmers’ Disaster Relief Fund

Tier 1 – Emergency Relief

- **\$2,500 Grants**
- Replanting
- Debris removal
- Irrigation/Fencing Repair

Tier 2 – Recovery Grants

- **\$5,000 - \$10,000 Grants**
- Infrastructure recovery
- Orchard recovery
- Severe operational impacts

Priority Considerations

- No Crop Insurance
- Severe losses
- Inability to access aid
- Financial hardship
- Risk of losing farmland



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