

November 2015 Events and Announcements

Dear Growers and Friends,

As many of you are already aware, Dengue Fever has once again affected people in Hawaii (prior in 2001). Below are links with information on Dengue Fever and Mosquitoes provided by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, HDOA Vector Control Branch and Hawaii State Department of Health Disease Investigation Branch.

- **CLICK BELOW FOR INFORMATION ON DENGUE FEVER & MOSQUITO CONTROL**
<http://health.hawaii.gov/about/information-on-dengue-fever-mosquito-control/>
- **FACT SHEET ON DENGUE FEVER?**
http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/files/2013/05/dib_denguefever.pdf
- **LEARN ABOUT MOSQUITOES IN HAWAII**
http://health.hawaii.gov/about/files/2013/06/VCB-bulletin_03_11.pdf
- **TIPS FOR REDUCING MOSQUITOES AROUND YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY**
<http://health.hawaii.gov/about/files/2013/06/MosquitoPoster.pdf>
- **INFORMATION REGARDING MOSQUITO REPELLENTS**
<http://health.hawaii.gov/about/files/2013/06/Repellants.pdf>

The dengue virus is spread through the bite of infected Aedes mosquitoes. Dengue is not spread directly from one person to another.

If you are feeling ill, please seek medical attention.

Fernando Vicentini Statewide Educational Events

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the USDA/UH CTAHR Areawide Mitigation & Management for CBB Project and the Hawaii Coffee Growers Association for funding UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension-hosted educational seminars and coffee farm and mill visits throughout the state with Mr. Fernando Vicentini. Fernando is a mechanical engineer from Brazil who works with many different farms, mills and manufacturers throughout the world. During his educational tour, Fernando introduced new ideas and equipment to Hawaii's coffee growers and processors for use in the field, as well as in wet and dry mill facilities. These ideas, tools, parts, and equipment are used in Brazil and other parts of the world to make coffee planting, growing, cultural practices, harvesting, processing, and milling more cost effective and effective. In addition, coffee operations have been able to reduce labor, maintain and/or increase coffee quality, better manage CBB and other coffee pests and diseases, increase yield and recovery of marketable coffee, reduce water use, and improve overall operation efficiency.

I'd also like to thank the farmers and processors who took the time to welcome Fernando to their farms and mills. Mahalo to all who came out to the educational seminars as I understand that it's a particularly busy time of year for coffee growers. I will follow up with Fernando on a few items that were of interest to those in attendance.

Dr. Pablo Benavides - CBB Researcher from Cenicafe in Colombia

It was a pleasure to meet and learn from Dr. Benavides who came to Hawaii last month on Hawaii Department of Agriculture funding under a grant acquired by Dr. Tracie Matsumoto of USDA ARS DKI PBARC. Dr. Benavides also toured much of the state, providing educational seminars for coffee growers, processors, researchers, extension, educators and other interested parties and visiting coffee operations.

As a reminder from Dr. Benavides, please be harvest all cherry and raisins during your harvest rounds. Leaving these on the trees and ground will allow CBB to mature, exit from the bean, and infest new coffee. Continue to treat for CBB with *Beauveria bassiana* throughout harvest, particularly, if you have a high percent of green cherry remaining. Spray in the afternoons when it is cooler and sun UV is reduced, and when CBB are actively flying or moving around outside of the coffee bean. At the end of your harvest season, clean up your field by removing all remaining cherry and raisins. If you have year-round cherry, remove all ripe, over-ripe and raisin cherry and spray your field to protect your younger crop.

IMPORTANT! ALL Night-time Meetings and Events at UH CTAHR's Cooperative Extension Service in Kainaliu, Kona

Effective October 30, 2015:

Due to unusual activity around the Kona (Kainaliu) Cooperative Extension Service, all night-time meetings and events will need to be changed to a new location or the times changed to be held during daylight hours until the situation is resolved. This is a directive from CTAHR administration to address extension and clientele safety.

If you have any questions about this directive, please contact Dr. Russell Nagata, UH CTAHR Hawaii County Administrator, at russelln@hawaii.edu or 808-981-5199.

UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veteran's Day, and on Thursday, November 26th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Visit <http://hawaiicoffee.weebly.com/events-and-announcements.html> for additional information on the following events, announcements and more.

- Kona Coffee Cultural Festival
- Field Day: Preliminary Observations of "Negi" Green Onion Varieties for Long White Stems – Oahu
- Kona Coffee Council's Annual Dinner & Benefit Auction
- Tropical Edibles Nursery - Workshop - "Best Methods of Container and Planter Box Growing of Tropical Plants" - South Kona
- Kamehameha School Mahiai Scale Up Land Parcels - Request for Information
- WE NEED YOUR HELP! Unroasted Coffee Bagging Project
- USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii County Bulletin: Agricultural Emergency Loans Are Now Available
- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Sign Up for West Hawaii Flash Flooding
- IMPORTANT FOR CERTIFIED ORGANIC FARMERS! Mycotrol O Update
- NASS Program Changes for HI Coffee – Green Coffee Statistic Changes
- HDOA - New Pest Advisory - Phyllanthus Rust
- USDA New Beginning Farmer Website
- Want to Know What UH CTAHR is Doing These Days?
- Hawaii Coffee Association Newsletter - November 2015
- Oahu Cooperative Extension Agricultural Online Updates, Volume 15, Number 7
- Annual UH CTAHR Coffee Berry Borer Survey
- Grower Group Monthly Meetings

<p><u>45th Annual Kona Coffee Cultural Festival</u> November 6 – 15, 2015 North and South Kona, HI</p> <p>The Festival features 10 days of festivities honoring pioneers, farmers, artisans & coffee!</p> <p>Please visit http://konacoffeefest.com/ for the schedule of events.</p>	<p><u>Field Day: Preliminary Observations of "Negi" Green Onion Varieties for Long White Stems - Oahu</u> Tuesday, November 10, 2015 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Poamoho Research Station 65-620 Kaukonahua Road Waialua, Hawaii</p> <p>For more information, please view flyer at http://tinyurl.com/nu3of3n.</p>
<p><u>Kona Coffee Council's Annual Dinner & Benefit Auction</u> Thursday, November 12, 2015 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tropical Edibles Nursery - Workshop - "Best Methods of Container and Planter Box Growing of Tropical Plants" - South Kona</u> Saturday, November 14, 2015</p>

Kona Historical Society
81-6581 Mamalahoa Highway
Kealahou, HI 96750

For more information, please visit <http://www.kona-coffee-council.com/event-1961723>.

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Tropical Edibles Nursery
83-5696 Mamalahoa Hwy, Captain Cook, HI 96704
\$18 per person

The class will offer information and references for building inexpensive planter boxes, containers and "totes" using recycled materials. Emphasis will be on successful container growing for homeowners, renters, townhouse and condominium owners.

For questions or to register, please call Tropical Edibles Nursery at 328-0420.

Kamehameha School Mahiai Scale Up Land Parcels - Request for Information

Kamehameha Schools is looking to create a second business plan competition aimed at medium-scale farmers and are requesting information to gauge the interest of respondents as prospective lessees of tracts of agricultural land on the islands of O'ahu, and Hawai'i Island, ranging in size from approximately 40 to 100 acres.

They are seeking information and responses from individuals or businesses currently operating a commercial, mechanized agricultural operation, or those who can evidence a satisfactory plan to operate a commercial, mechanized agricultural operation.

If Kamehameha Schools issues a request for proposal in connection with this request for information, preference will be given to respondents who can (1) demonstrate food production primarily for the local, Hawai'i food market, (2) address principles of the value-add food chain, and (3) can ensure compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and all other applicable laws. In addition, successful bidders under any request for proposal may have access to private funding or investment, including, but not limited to, private grants, rent waivers or tenant improvement allowances, private loans, or other private equity investments.

If you have questions or would like to submit a questionnaire, please contact Sierra Fox (sifox@ksbe.edu). Questionnaire must be submitted by Monday, November, 30, 2015 for eligibility.

For more information and to fill out the questionnaire, <http://tinyurl.com/pgbmjry>.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Unroasted Coffee Bagging Project

Dear Coffee Growers,

HDOA and UH CTAHR will soon start a project to:

1. Study the ability of different packages and containers for shipping parchment and green coffee inter- and intra-island to contain CBB, and
2. Assist the Hawaii Department of Agriculture in determining effective quarantine measures for inter- and intra-island movement of coffee infested by CBB.

We are requesting your input on **bag suppliers** and the **types of materials** (foil bags, GrainPro bags, different combinations of each, etc.) that unroasted coffee is transported and shipped in from the Big Island or Oahu. This could be small quantities (7 ounces or less) to larger quantities (50#+).

Please send replies to HDOA's Rob Curtiss at Robert.T.Curtiss@hawaii.gov.

Thank you for your assistance!

USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii County Bulletin: Agricultural Emergency Loans Are Now Available

For those farmers or ranchers who sustained flash flood damages during the period August 24, 2015 to September 27, 2015 are eligible for our emergency loans. For more information about Emergency Loans, please visit <http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFSA/bulletins/11e650d> or contact the FSA Hawaii County Office at 933-8368 for an appointment

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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Sign Up for West Hawaii Flash Flooding

Sign up for flash flooding damages sustained by West Hawaii commercial AG producers is ongoing. For the fact sheet for more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/pvd6vvg>. To sign up call, [808-933-8381 ext 1](tel:808-933-8381).

Hilo, Hawaii (October 29, 2015) - Financial assistance is available for farmers and ranchers who have debris to remove or conservation practices to repair as a result of the flash flooding that occurred in the West Hawaii area from August 24 to September 27, 2015. Eligible producers will receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost of the approved practice, as determined by the FSA county committees.

The ECP program gives producers additional resources to remove debris from farmland, restore fences and conservation structures and grade and shape farmland damaged by a natural disaster. For a producer's land to be eligible, the disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would impair or endanger the land and affect its productive capacity. Conservation problems existing prior to the applicable disaster are ineligible for ECP assistance.

The FSA Hawaii County Office will take ECP applications starting November 1, 2015. Call 808-933-8381, extension 1 to request an application. **The deadline for applications is December 15, 2015.**

USDA offers additional programs to help farmers and ranchers recover from damages caused by natural disasters. These programs include the Emergency Loan Program, Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. More information on ECP and other disaster assistance programs is available at local FSA offices and online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/hi>.

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Mycotrol O Update

Bioworks said that OMRI has taken Mycotrol O off the OMRI listing. Official notice to come soon. If you have any questions, please contact your organic certifier directly.

NASS Program Changes for HI Coffee

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will provide a green bean pricing valuation for Hawai'i-grown **GREEN COFFEE** starting in January 2016 (previously parchment coffee). For the press release from Congressman Gabbard, visit <http://tinyurl.com/qbs2xbr>.

HDOA - New Pest Advisory - Phyllanthus Rust (Posted 11/4/15)

There is a new rust, *Phyllanthus phyllanthi*, on Tahitian/Malay or Otaheite Gooseberry in Hawaii.

<http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/files/2013/01/NPA-Phakopsora-phyllanthi-FINALversion.pdf>

USDA New Beginning Farmer Website

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) unveiled a new website for beginning farmers and ranchers and announced that it will prioritize \$5.6 billion over the next two years within USDA programs and services to help serve the next generation of growers. Visit the new website at <https://newfarmers.usda.gov/>.

Want to Know What UH CTAHR is Doing These Days?

Check out CTAHR's weekly e-bulletin, CTAHR Notes, and find out who is doing what at CTAHR.

http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/site/e-notes/10_28_2015.html

Hawaii Coffee Association Newsletter - November 2015

For the newsletter, visit <http://tinyurl.com/qete4dl>

Oahu Cooperative Extension Agricultural Online Updates, Volume 15, Number 7

To view the Oahu Agricultural Online Update, visit <http://tinyurl.com/pm88khl>. This edition includes the following topics:

- Hawaii's Organic Production Value Increases

- El Nino Flipping Hawaii's Ag Season Around
- Interested in Using the "Made in Hawaii" Logo?
- White Paper: Simple Screen House Units to Support Small Farmers Who Want to Reduce Crop Protection Inputs

Annual UH CTAHR Coffee Berry Borer Survey

Aloha Coffee Leaders,

Please help us, the industry and our allies to understand the current Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) situation. Below is a link for our annual CBB survey. This on-line survey is for coffee farmers and processors to complete about their experience with the CBB. The survey is on-line, you need only click on it, forward this email or copy the link and send it your coffee organization members. Survey will be open for responses until **November 15, 2015**.

Below is the link to our annual CBB survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5VQL3Z8>

As part of CTAHR's CBB effort, Andrea Kawabata, Dr. Stuart Nakamoto, and I have developed a survey to help us and the industry understand the extent of damage from CBB. Questions ask farmers and millers about their use of recommended strategies for managing CBB. We will use this information to improve research and extension planning.

We are not requesting nor collecting the identity of those who complete the survey. Your individual responses are held confidentially. Summary and conclusions from the survey will be shared with the CBB Task Force, coffee organizations and those respondents who request a copy.

In order to save money, time, and accuracy the survey is only on-line based. Those growers without email access and internet will need to submit their responses via someone with computer access.

Thank you,
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Grower Group Monthly Meetings

Ka'u Coffee Growers Cooperative Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 (first Tuesday of the month)
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Pahala Community Center
(96-1149 Kamani Street Pāhala, HI)

Kona Coffee Council Board Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2015 (first Thursday of the month)
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Kona Cooperative Extension Service
(79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI)

Natural Farming Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 (second Tuesday of the month)
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Komohana Research and Extension Center (875 Komohana Street, Hilo, HI)

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2015 (third Monday of the month)
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
81-6393 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI 96750

Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 (third Tuesday of the month)

Kona Coffee Farmers Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 (third Tuesday of the month)

<p>month) 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Wainaku Executive Center (Old C. Brewer building just past the airplane/singing bridge) (26-238 Hawaii Belt Rd, Hilo, HI)</p>	<p>month) 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Kona Cooperative Extension Service (79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI)</p>
<p><u>Hawaii Coffee Association Board Meeting</u> (date change for November) Wednesday, November 18, 2015 (usually second Wednesday of the month) 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Kona Cooperative Extension Service (79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI)</p>	<p><u>Kona Young Farmers Monthly Meeting</u> Wednesday, November 25, 2015 (last Wednesday of the month) 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Teshima's Restaurant (Honalo) (797251 Mamalahoa Hwy, Holualoa, HI)</p>