

## December 2015 Events and Announcements

Happy Holidays Farmers and Friends! Thank you for all of your support, encouragement and knowledge shared with me this year. As much as I try to help you, you also help me to learn every day. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends. 2016 is looking to be another wonderful year filled with hands-on workshops and lots of educational opportunities for coffee and orchard crop growers alike. This coming year, Jen and I will add monthly CTAHR crop information links on Facebook, the events and announcement tab of the [hawaiicoffee.weebly.com](http://hawaiicoffee.weebly.com) site, and to the monthly email/mail announcements. We hope that you will find them useful for your home gardening and farming needs.

Much mahalos to Gina, who assists with all RSVPs and provides so much office support, and to Jen, who is there to welcome event participants and provides a lot of support behind the scenes, but so important for all of our workshops and field days. Thank you also to Rob, Marc, Kelly, the Flat Bark Beetle Project team (Peter, Eva, & Glenn), the Areawide CBB Project, the Vaccinium Project team, USDA, HDOA, and CTAHR for providing the financial support and mind and man-power to do research and extension for you, the farmers!

I wish you all the best in 2016!

Andrea

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**UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Offices will be closed on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Christmas, and on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, in observance of New Year's Day.**

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### UH CTAHR Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center Hard Copy Results

Effective Dec. 1, 2015, I will be purging all Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center analysis hard copy results held in my office after two years.

Since this is the first year, analyses from 2013 and older may be picked up by you or your farm representative by Feb. 28, 2016. **If a farm representative is picking up your results, please email me ([andreak@hawaii.edu](mailto:andreak@hawaii.edu)) prior so that I have your permission to release your farm results to your representative.** You are also welcome to pick up more recent analyses as well. ADSC should also have emailed your results or mailed you a hard copy.

Please file your results for your own record keeping. In the future, all remaining hard copies (2 years or older) will be shredded after Dec. 30.

As a reminder, ADSC on Oahu also does not keep analysis results after two years.

**Please assist me by emailing me or leaving a message with Gina (808-322-4892) at least a week in advance with the approximate date and time that you will be coming to pick up your hard copies. I may not have all hard copies on file.**

If you have any questions, please email me at [andreak@hawaii.edu](mailto:andreak@hawaii.edu).

-Andrea

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

- Tea Workshop: Quality Evaluation of Tea
- 2016 NAP Deadline is December 1, 2015
- Holiday Message from Oahu Extension Agents
- Open Recruitment for UH CTAHR Agricultural Extension Agent Positions
- UH Cooperative Extension Service – Strategic Planning Survey
- Western SARE Grants and Newsletter
- Grower Group Monthly Meetings

### **Tea Workshop: Quality Evaluation of Tea**

Tuesday, December 1, 2015  
4:00 – 7:00 pm  
Waimea Civic Center  
67-5189 Kamamalu Street  
Kamuela, HI 96743

Registration Fee is \$30.  
Preregister: Space is limited  
RSVP to Perci at [proque@hawaii.edu](mailto:proque@hawaii.edu) or 887-6183 by 11/25/15

For more information, click [here](#), to view the flyer.

### **2016 NAP Deadline is December 1, 2015**

If you have not signed up for NAP 2016, the deadline is December 1, 2015 for the following crops:

Fruits and Vegetables  
Grass  
Honey

For those papaya, coffee and banana growers who did not get commercial insurance, you can now sign up for protection through NAP.

As a reminder, the NAP fee is waived for those who certify as socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer.

Find out if you qualify. For more information, please contact Lester Ueda by phone, 808-933-8341, or by email, [lester.ueda@hi.usda.gov](mailto:lester.ueda@hi.usda.gov).

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS! (from the Oahu Extension Agents)**

As we enter the 2015 holiday season, Oahu Cooperative Extension Service (CES) would like to express our gratitude for your support over the past year. Increased food self-sufficiency and security remains a priority for us as we are an island state which relies on 85-90% of imports as its primary food source. We remain mindful of the many challenges edible crop growers endure farming in Hawaii's tropical and unpredictable climate. We understand that time and cost efficiency are critical factors in fast turn over, edible crop industries here on Oahu. In 2016, we have secured grant supported funding to assist growers in preparing for new and evolving government regulations that will impact the profitability and sustainability of agribusiness operations across the nation.

### **Open Recruitment for UH CTAHR Agricultural Extension Agent Positions**

Each land grant university has a federally mandated Cooperative Extension Service (CES) associated with its institution to disseminate research-based information to the public at large. The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) serves as the land grant college of the University of Hawai'i (UH).

UH CTAHR is committed to fulfilling the Land Grant University's purpose of instruction, scientific research, and outreach. UH CTAHR utilizes the human resources of statewide extension agents and various forms of traditional and distance education technologies to transfer research and technology discoveries that improve farmers' ability to deal with the many facets of crop and pest management.

County extension agents are not typically located on the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus. They are based in county offices in the communities they serve. Extension agents transfer research based information, knowledge, and skills that help agricultural producers correctly choose and utilize specific technology and practices best suited to meet their diverse educational needs. This information enables agricultural producers to make informed decisions.

UH CTAHR is now advertising for three tenure-track positions (executive decision by Dean Gallo) and four are temporary positions (funded by the 2015 Hawaii State Legislature). The positions posted are as follows:

Tenure-track positions:

- **0084070**, Asst Extension Agent, edible crop industries, Wahiawa, Hawaii.
- **0082485**, Asst Extension Agent, edible crop industries and food safety and security, Hilo, Hawaii.
- **0082639**, Asst Extension Agent, livestock, 4-H Youth livestock programs, Kahului, Hawaii.

Temporary positions:

- **0085422T**, Junior or Asst Extension Agent, invasive species with emphasis on but not limited to, insects and diseases in support of edible crop and ornamental industries, Lihue, Hawaii.
- **0086764T**, Junior or Asst Extension Agent, farm food safety and sustainable agriculture in support of edible crop industries, Manoa Campus.
- **0086220T**, Junior or Asst Extension Agent, sustainable agriculture, organic and natural farming involving soil health and soil fertility and food farm safety in support of edible crop industries, Kahului, Hawaii.
- **0085545T**, Junior or Asst Extension Agent, sustainable agriculture and organic farming including soil health and soil fertility in support of edible crop industries, educational support for urban gardeners and homeowners, Hilo, Hawaii.

<http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/Search>

These positions will help us meet our federal mandate in offering the public noncredit, tax-supported educational programs and information based on the results of university research. We appreciate your patience as we search for additional support of our edible crop industries throughout the state. Lastly, thank you to everyone who submitted testimony for the bills (SB314/HB 850) that went through the legislature last session. It really made a difference.

-Jari Sugano (Oahu County Extension Agent)

### **UH Cooperative Extension Service- Strategic Planning Survey**

CTAHR Cooperative Extension Service is involved in a strategic planning process to improve the quality of our services for our stakeholders. We would like to ask you to respond to the linked questionnaire so we may better understand your needs and plan for future programming.

You are being asked to respond because you have worked with, partnered with, or communicated with one of our Specialists and/or Agents in relation to their outreach programming efforts in the past. We are very interested in obtaining your opinions as we move forward into the future.

We would like to have the surveys completed by **December 10th at 5:00pm**, so please take a few minutes to respond. No identifying information will be collected.

[https://manoahawaiiiss.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_09EWc6e4E4tROgl](https://manoahawaiiiss.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_09EWc6e4E4tROgl)

### **WSARE Grants & Latest Newsletter**

There are currently 2 WSARE grants remaining for 2015. Please find more information about the request for proposals here:

<http://www.westernsare.org/Grants/Types-of-Grants>

### **Farmer/Rancher Grants**

These one- to three-year grants are conducted by agricultural producers with support and guidance from a technical advisor. Individual farmers or ranchers may [apply for](#) up to \$20,000, and a group of three or more

producers may apply for up to \$25,000. Producers typically use their grants to conduct on-site experiments that can improve their operations and the environment and can be shared with other producers. Grant recipients may also focus on marketing and organic production. The 2016 Call for Proposals will open in April 2015, with proposals due in December 2015. A technical review will be held in January 2016, and proposals will be selected for funding in March 2016.

### Professional + Producer Grants

These one- to three-year grants are similar in concept to the Farmer/Rancher Grants with a few [key differences](#). Instead of a producer serving as the project coordinator, an agricultural professional – Cooperative Extension educator or Natural Resources Conservation Service professional – coordinates the project. A farmer or rancher serves as the project advisor. Applicants can seek up to \$50,000 and must have at least five producers involved. The Call for Proposals for Professional + Producer Grants will open in April 2015, with proposals due in December 2015. A technical review will be held in January 2016, and proposals will be selected for funding in March 2016.

Latest WSARE Newsletter can be found here:

<http://archive.mlgn2usa.com/?u=7374bc3ef77a4d7a5bf6c9128e30cabe&id=87000ec7&e=f3352b98>

### 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, December 8, 2015 (second Tuesday of the month)

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Komohana Research and Extension Center (875

Komohana Street, Hilo, HI)

#### **Hawaii Coffee Association Board Meeting**

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 (second Wednesday of the month)

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Kona Cooperative Extension Service

(79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI)

#### **Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 (third Tuesday of the 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)

#### **Kona Coffee Farmers Association Board Meeting**

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 (third Tuesday of the month)

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Kona Cooperative Extension Service

(79-7381 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI)

#### **Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Monthly Meeting**

Monday, December 21, 2015 (third Monday of the month)

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

81-6393 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI 96750

#### **Kona Young Farmers Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, December 30, 2015 (last Wednesday of the month)

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Teshima's Restaurant (Honalo)

(797251 Mamalahoa Hwy, Holualoa, HI)