

January 2016 Events and Announcements

Happy New Year Farmers and Friends!!! This year, marks the 3rd year of funding from USDA to continue Coffee Berry Borer outreach. I'll be starting the year off with a flurry of CBB IPM workshops (TBA soon). I also look forward to participating in industry festivals and conferences to bring further awareness to stakeholders and the public. Keep an eye out for a CBB Conference this year where you will have the opportunity to learn about the newest CBB research developments and interact with USDA and CTAHR CBB researchers and extension.

Besides providing education and outreach for coffee growers island-wide and statewide, my other hat is to provide outreach to fruit and nut growers island-wide, though I try to concentrate on West Hawaii, since there is an edible crops agent in East Hawaii. This East Hawaii position, currently temporary and filled by a Jr. Extension Agent, is in the process of being filled with a full-time, permanent Assistant Extension Agent.

In Oct. 2015, Dr. Alyssa Cho and I were successful at securing CTAHR funding to provide fruit and nut farmers with hands-on educational events. Your responses on event evaluations have not gone unread and I continue to work at servicing our clientele as best as we can. Last October, we began the grant with an olive field day and olive oil demo. This year, we will continue to fulfill the grant objectives with a macadamia pest (macadamia felted coccid) event, and fruit tree grafting workshops in East and West Hawaii. Between now and 2017 (end of the grant), we will provide events that will cover major crops grow in Hawaii as well as specialty crops of interest.

Please continue to visit my hawaiicoffee.weebly.com site for educational events and announcements, meant for ALL farmers, as well as for CBB and coffee information.

Sincerely,
Andrea

UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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

- Position Posting: Educational Specialist to help with Outreach for Rapid Ohia Death
 - Tour & Workshop: Hawaiian Olive Oil Production
 - State-wide Workshops: Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and on-farm good agricultural practices (GAPs)
 - HTFG recognizes significant contributors to the fruit industry in Hawaii
 - USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii & Pacific Basin Newsletter December 2015
 - Workshop: Hands-On Learning about Macadamia Felted Coccid, an Insect Threat on Macadamia in Hawaii - Hilo
 - Korean Natural Farming Training Seminars - Hilo
 - Tips for Warding Against Mosquitoes on your Farm
 - List of Mosquito Repellent Products Based on Active Ingredient and Hours of Protection
 - HDOA News Release - U.S. EPA Pulls Agricultural Pesticide Products containing the active ingredient sulfoxaflor
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Position Posting: Educational Specialist to help with Outreach for Rapid Ohia Death - Hilo

The position will be based in Hilo and will involve working with stakeholders and communities to help design and communicate messages on Rapid Ohia Death. The position is full time; I have funding for the rest of this (federal) fiscal year but anticipate renewal of funds. Minimum qualification is a bachelor's degree, master's preferred. Here is the link for the full job announcement and how to apply:

<http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/Jobs/NAdvert/22337/3608933/1/postdate/desc>

Review of applicants will begin January 13th 2016.

Please contact JB Friday by email if you have questions.

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Hawaiian Olive Oil Production Workshop and Lalamilo Tour

Wednesday, January 27, 2016
12:30 pm - 4:20 pm

Tour: Lālāmilo Experiment Station
(66-1170 Opelo Road, Kamuela, HI 96743)

Lecture/Tasting: DHHL Kuhio Hale
64-756 Māmalahoa Hwy, Kamuela, HI 96743

\$10 donation to cover cost of refreshments and materials. Please make checks payable to:
UH Foundation Account #127-2160-4

RSVP required so that we may plan refreshments. RSVP to Kiersten Akahoshi at Kiersten@hawaii.edu or Komohana CES Office at 808-981-5199 ext. 201

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/hgq3p95> for the flyer and additional workshop information.

State-wide Food Safety Modernization Act Workshops

In response to the updated Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), CTAHR's Farm Food Safety Team will be holding informational workshops covering the FSMA produce rules and on-farm good agricultural practices (GAPs). Workshops will be held through the months of January and February at the locations on the attached flyer (click on the photo).

O`ahu dates and times have not yet been finalized.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/gtbwmnw> to view the full schedule and to register online for a workshop. There is no charge for attendance, but please register if you are interested in participating.

WAIMEA, BIG ISLAND

Thu, Jan 28 5:00 PM
Big Island Statewide FSMA Informational Session
67-5189 Kamamalu Road, Waimea, HI, 96743, US

KONA

Fri, Jan 29 3:00 PM
Big Island Statewide FSMA Informational Session
79-7381 Māmalahoa Highway, Kealahou, HI, 96750, US

HILO

Thu, Feb 4 10:00 AM

Big Island Statewide FSMA Informational Session
875 Komohana Street, Room B-201, Hilo, HI, 96720, US

Congratulations!!!

- Mark G. Wright, Ph.D. – UH CTAHR
- David Frenz - Birds and Budz
- Tracie Matsumoto, Ph.D – USDA ARS DKI PBARC
- Lisa Keith, Ph.D – USDA ARS DKI PBARC
- Peter Follet, Ph.D. – USDA ARS DKI PBARC

Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers recognized the researchers and plant propagator above, for their significant contributions to the tropical fruit industry throughout the state. Thank you for all you have done!!!

<http://tinyurl.com/hjhnkx5>

USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii & Pacific Basin Newsletter December 2015

Topics in this issue include:

- 2015 County Committee Election Results
- FSA and NASS Job Vacancies
- Maui and Kauai Ranchers May Apply for Disaster Assistance
- Emergency Loans Available in Multiple Counties
- Livestock Indemnity Program

For the newsletter, view at <http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFSA/bulletins/12be502>.

Workshop: Hands-On Learning about Macadamia Felted Coccid, an Insect Threat on Macadamia in Hawaii - Hilo

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

9:00 am –12:00 pm

Komohana Research & Extension Center

875 Komohana St.

Hilo, HI 96720

RSVP to Gina at 808-322-4892 or ginab@hawaii.edu by Friday, January 15, 2016.

For more information, view the flyer at <http://tinyurl.com/p3uscz>.

Korean Natural Farming Training Seminars - Hilo

Six Day Training Package

\$500 pre-order; \$550 at the door; 240 person limit

Master Cho: Advances in Korean Natural Farming

Wednesday-Friday, January 13-15, 2016

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

UH AG Farm Pavilion

3551 Kanoelehua Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720

Cho, Young-Sang: Ultra Low Cost Certificate Training
Tuesday-Thursday, January 26-28, 2016
8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Hilo Civic Auditorium (January 26-27)
323 Manono Street
UH AG Farm Pavilion (January 28)
3551 Kanoelehua Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720

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For more information visit, www.cgnf-hawaii.org or call 202-643-7253.

Tips for Warding Against Mosquitoes on your Farm

- Wear loose-fitting long sleeve shirts and pants. Mosquitoes have been known to bite people through thin and tight clothing.
- Use mosquito repellent.
- Spray your ankles and wrists and areas where clothing may not cover or ride up to expose skin.
- Infected workers should not be working. With the reality of the coffee season, at the minimum, workers should cover up completely and use repellent to minimize contamination of others.
- Clean and remove empty tires, containers, old vehicles, etc. that can hold sitting water. (By the way, this is a good agricultural practice for farm food safety.)
- For plants that hold water, ponds and bird baths, flush with a hose once a week or spray with soapy water weekly to kill mosquito wigglers.
- Spray areas known for mosquitoes and use mosquito wiggler dunks and briskets to minimize populations.

List of Mosquito Repellent Products Based on Active Ingredient and Hours of Protection

http://cfpub.epa.gov/oppref/insect/search_results.cfm#

If you haven't taken precautions already, EPA has a sortable list of mosquito repellent products based on active ingredient and hours of protection. CDC recommends products containing DEET, picaridin, or IR3535, and some products with oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol, due to their longer-lasting effects.

HDOA News Release

12/8/15 - Here is a link to a news release about an action by EPA: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/blog/main/epapullspst/>