

## **March 2016 – Events and Announcements**

Dear Growers and Friends,

Please join us for the **Coffee Berry Borer Conference** on **March 16** at the King Kamehameha Hotel in Kailua-Kona for a day filled with CBB research and extension presentations as well as Q&A sessions about CBB-related topics. Registration and details about this FREE conference can be found below and at <http://hawaiicoffee.weebly.com/cbb-conference.html>.

Coffee growers, don't forget to notate the date of your first major flowering on a calendar or notepad and set another note to start monitoring for CBB activity on your farm(s) as early as 30 days from that flowering date. Since damage to beans is irreversible, catching CBB infestations as early as possible and killing CBB are important to keeping your cherry infestation and bean damages to a minimum. Also important, is field sanitation! Don't forget to remove any cherry and raisins that would be harboring CBB and allowing new adults to emerge and damage your crop.

Since we just had a couple of grafting workshops, I thought some pointers on grafting macadamia would be suitable for March's publications. Grafters had low success with mac nut in the past. According to an extension circular by Dr. Edward Fukunaga, girdling the scion 6-8 weeks prior to removal for grafting helps to improve mac nut grafting success. This publication can be downloaded at <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/AEC-058.pdf>. Read the fourth paragraph of <http://tinyurl.com/jc2bkqj>, which describes girdling.

Extensive mac nut flowering does not always mean that yields will be high. Pollination is critical for mac nuts. Weather, nut drop, plant nutrition, insects and disease can also affect yields. The effects and symptoms of mites, katydids, aphids, and blights (disease) on flowering are discussed in Drs. Bittenbender and Hira'e's "Common Problems of Mac Nut in Hawaii", which can be downloaded at <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/RES-112.pdf>. Find these and other macadamia nut publications at <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/Site/Info.aspx>.

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**UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Offices will be closed on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day and Good Friday.**

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

- Coffee Berry Borer Updates and Best Management Practices Workshop - Ka'u
- Coffee Berry Borer Conference
- KCFA – Kona Coffee Expo
- USDA FSA Bolsters Programs for Organic Growers
- USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii & Pacific Basin Newsletter February 2016
- Hawaii Coffee Association - Annual Conference and Statewide Cupping Competition
- Hawaii Farmers Union United Meeting and Farm Tour - Kona
- Workshop - Protecting your Investment with Crop Insurance - Hilo

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### **Coffee Berry Borer Updates and Best Management Practices Workshop - Ka'u**

Thursday, March 10, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Pahala Community Center

(96-1149 Kamani Street Pāhala, HI 96777)

RSVP online at <http://hawaiicoffee.weebly.com/2016-cbb-workshops.html> (under the Events and Announcements page) or to Gina at 808-322-4892 or [ginab@hawaii.edu](mailto:ginab@hawaii.edu) by Wed., March 9, 2016.

This workshop is geared towards new coffee farmers, but those wanting a refresher and to join the SHAC subsidy program are welcome to attend. New subsidy program participants are required to attend a SHAC subsidy workshop, such as this, to learn about CBB and its best management practices.

Contact Suzanne Shriner at 808-365-9041 or [info@deadcbb.com](mailto:info@deadcbb.com) with any SHAC subsidy questions.

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### **Coffee Berry Borer Conference**

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel

75-5660 Palani Rd, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

7:45 am - 8:20 am Registration (doors will be open for attendees to come and go as they please)

8:20 am - 5:15 pm Conference

The Coffee Berry Borer Conference brings together researchers, cooperative extension, farmers and stakeholders for a whole-day learning event. Researchers and extension want to learn and hear from you too! The day will be comprised of short (10-15 min) presentations followed by a Q&A panel session about that topic area. Panels will consist of researchers, extension, entomologists and farmers with first hand experiences. Don't be shy to speak up! There is no charge for attendance to this event, however, there is a \$5 parking fee at the hotel with validation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please register for the conference at <http://hawaiicoffee.weebly.com/cbb-conference.html> by Monday, March 14, 2016! We will need a head count of attendees. You will however, be able to come and go as you please during the conference.

If you do not have an email address, please RSVP to Gina at 808-322-4892 by 4:30 pm; Monday, March 14, 2016.

Questions about this event: contact Ray at 808-969-8211 or email [coffeeberryborerconference@gmail.com](mailto:coffeeberryborerconference@gmail.com)

For information or to request an auxiliary aid or service (e.g., sign language interpreter, designated parking, or materials in alternate format), contact Ray at least seven days before the activity/event.

This event is sponsored by USDA, UH CTAHR and HDOA.

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### **KCFA - Kona Coffee Expo**

Friday, March 18, 2016

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Old Airport, Makaao Pavilion, mauka entrance

Free admission

Equipment, Products and Services for Coffee and for all small Farms

Technical Talk Story:

- Micro Nutrients
- USDA/CTAHR - CBB, Coffee Research
- AgriLogic Insurance

Special Guest Speaker • Paul Strauss, Hawaii Department of Health - Dengue & Zika Update

Much more information to follow. To view the announcement, go to <http://tinyurl.com/jf8c7mq>.

Sponsored by Kona Coffee Farmers Association and the Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union

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### **USDA FSA Bolsters Programs for Organic Growers**

To read the bulletin, go to <http://tinyurl.com/h4a9qc7>.

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### **USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii & Pacific Basin Newsletter February 2016**

For the newsletter, go to <http://tinyurl.com/hx7snkm>.

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### **Hawaii Coffee Association - Annual Conference and Statewide Cupping Competition**

#### **Annual Conference**

July 14 - 16, 2016

Courtyard Marriot King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel

75-5660 Palani Rd, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

This year's presentations include:

- Quality Coffee Processing Workshop
- Shipping Logistics
- Social Media & Ecommerce Review
- Barista Demo
- Cupping Workshops
- Legal Information
- Optical Sorter / Farm-level Equipment Demo
- Roasting Workshop

Registration coming soon. Sign up for the HCA newsletter to receive registration information,

<http://www.hawaiicoffeeassoc.org/page-1771559>.

#### **Cupping Competition**

July 16, 2016

Courtyard Marriot King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel

75-5660 Palani Rd, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Sponsored by the Hawaii Coffee Association

Cupping entry deadline is April 27, 2016.

To review the announcement and entry form, go to <http://tinyurl.com/zffasrs>.

For more information on sponsoring the event, go to <http://www.hawaiicoffeeassoc.org/event-2180988>.

For questions about the cupping competition, please contact:

Greg Stille, 808-280-5603, [gjstille@gmail.com](mailto:gjstille@gmail.com)

David Gridley, 808-280-1623, [mauioma@maui.net](mailto:mauioma@maui.net)

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### **Hawaii Farmers Union United Meeting and Farm Tour - Kona**

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

4:00 pm

Keala'ola Farm

79-969 Keala'ola St, Kealakekua

Barry Levine, Keala'ola Farm, will present:

- Farm Tour
- Soil Health
- Coffee Borer Treatment\*

For more information, view the flyer at <http://tinyurl.com/zl42kz2>.

\*This presentation is not endorsed by UH CTAHR, USDA, or the CBB Areawide Program.

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**Workshop - Protecting your Investment with Crop Insurance – Hilo**

Thursday March 10, 2016

6:00 P.M.

Komohana Research & Extension Center

875 Komohana Street, Hilo, HI

The goal of this agribusiness session is to encourage producers to become familiar with crop insurance and other disaster programs available to them that can assist them in the event of a major disaster. This strategy session will be free and open to all agricultural producers interested in learning about how the use of these types of tools can protect their farming investment. RSVP to [hawaii@agrilogic.com](mailto:hawaii@agrilogic.com) by March 7th. To view the flyer, visit

<http://tinyurl.com/jbsznb7>.

Topics Covered:

- Risk Tolerance Assessment
- Basic Insurance Concept Game
- Crop Insurance
  - Eligibility
  - Deadlines
  - Free Quotes
- Other Disaster Programs