

## September 2015 Events and Announcements

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### Damages from High Winds, Rain and Flooding

Please take precautions to minimize farm, home and property damage from the upcoming storm/hurricane systems and keep yourself, your pets and animals safe.

If your farm and/or structures sustains damages from high winds and/or rain, please contact your insurance agent and crop insurance agent immediately.

**\*\*\*BEFORE YOU BEGIN CLEAN UP**, document all damages with (clear and focused) photos. Review your inventory and take note of anything damaged or missing.

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### My Biennial (every 2 years) Review

Dear Growers,

For the first 4 years of my professional career as an Assistant Extension Agent, my performance, activities, and program impact are reviewed by my department, college and university on a biennial basis. This year, marks my second review. I am currently preparing for this very intense review and kindly ask for your patience and understanding of any delayed responses and farm visits. **This is of extreme importance as I must pass this review in order to continue to serve the coffee, fruit and nut industries.**

If you have benefited from the services I have provided via my extension and outreach efforts, and would like to submit a letter of support towards this review for my position as an assistant extension agent for coffee and orchard crops, I'd be extremely grateful and happy to add it to my review packet. This packet will be submitted to the review committees.

It has been and will continue to be my pleasure to serve your industries for many years to come. Letters and emails to be included with my 2015 packet, may be submitted to me by Friday, September 18, 2015.

Thank you very much,  
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**UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day.**

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

- Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers 25th Annual Conference: "Back to our Roots
- HDOA News Release - Board of Agriculture action to help prevent the spread of a deadly ohia disease on Hawaii Island
- Kalo and Awa Festival - Oahu
- Testing Reflective Mulch Field Day - Oahu
- Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers - Survey for Tropical Fruit Growers
- USDA Designates 2 Counties in Hawaii as Primary Natural Disaster Areas - Kauai and
- Update! Prohibition of Mycotrol O for Certified Organic Producers
- Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers - Moringa Presentation
- RTCP 2015 Sign Up Reminder
- Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Updates and Workshop – Oahu
- Big Island Association of Nurserymen - 2015 Fall Horticultural Show and Plant Sale - Hilo
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Deadline Soon!

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**Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers 25th Annual Conference: "Back to our Roots"** (Posted 4/10/15)

September 24-27, 2015

Courtyard Marriot at the King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel  
75-5660 Palani Rd, Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Visit <http://www.hawaiitropicalfruitgrowers.org/> to register and download the conference agenda.

Other Mini Conferences:

Monday Sept. 28 - KAUAI  
Island Coordinators: Scott Sloan  
Morning tour  
6-9pm Speakers

Tuesday Sept. 29 - HILO  
Island Coordinators: Dave Longacre  
Morning tour  
Drive to Kona

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**HDOA News Release** (Posted 8/27/15)

Here is a link to a news release on Board of Agriculture action to help prevent the spread of a deadly ohia disease on Hawaii Island: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/blog/main/ohiaquarantine/>

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**Kalo and Awa Festival - Oahu** (Posted 8/27/15)

Saturday, September 12, 2015

08:30 am - 5:30 pm

Waimea Valley Pikake Pavilion and Main Lawn

Click here for more information.

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**Testing Reflective Mulch Field Day - Oahu** (Posted 8/27/15)

Wednesday, September 2, 2015  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Poamoho Research Station  
65-620 Kaukonahua Road  
Waialua, Hawaii

Click the flyer for more information.

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**Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers - Survey for Tropical Fruit Growers** (Posted 8/24/15)

The Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers (HTFG) with the help of Hawaii County Department of Research and Development has developed a survey on Tropical fruit in the state of Hawaii.

The survey results will help HTFG to better determine what projects they should focus on and other areas to apply their resources and search for funding. Survey results will be published on our website: [WWW.HTFG.ORG](http://WWW.HTFG.ORG).

If you have any questions, thoughts, or concerns, please contact Ken Love: [Kenlove@HTFG.org](mailto:Kenlove@HTFG.org)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PYQRNFJ>

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**USDA Designates 2 Counties in Hawaii as Primary Natural Disaster Areas - Kauai and Maui** (Posted 8/20/15)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated Kauai and Maui counties in Hawaii as primary natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by a recent drought.

To view the news release, please search "USDA Designates 2 Counties in Hawaii as Primary Natural Disaster Areas" online.

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**Update! Prohibition of Mycotrol O for Certified Organic Producers** (Posted 8/19/15)

BioWorks, the distributor of Mycotrol O, has confirmed that the use of Mycotrol O in certified organic systems will no longer be allowed and will be prohibited (stated in a letter to BioWorks) once the product certification has expired on August 28, 2015.

Please contact your certifier directly as use of Mycotrol O past this date can affect your certification.

We understand that this causes an enormous problem for those combating CBB with certified organic practices. Other certified organic products that you may use to manage CBB until Mycotrol ESO is available are:

- [Surround WP Crop Protectant](#) for repellancy
- [Garlic Barrier](#) for repellancy
- [Pyganic Crop Protection EC 5.0](#) for direct contact

Mention of a trademark or proprietary name does not constitute an endorsement, guarantee, or warranty by

the University of Hawaii Cooperative Extension Service or its employees and does not imply recommendation to the exclusion of other suitable products.

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### **Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers - Moringa Presentation** (Posted 8/19/15)

At HTFG's last monthly meeting, they had a presentation by Ted Radovitch on Moringa.

To view the Powerpoint presentation and to learn more about Moringa, visit the [hawaiicoffee.weebly.com](http://hawaiicoffee.weebly.com) website and scroll through the events and announcements page.

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### **RTCP 2015 Sign Up Reminder** (Posted 8/19/15)

Reminder - The signup for the Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (RTCP) 2015 is ongoing and will end on September 11, 2015.

[Click here](#) to review the RTCP fact sheet and [click here](#) to view a short Powerpoint on RTCP. Search "USDA FSA RTCP" to learn more about this program.

Please call 808-933-8381, or email for an RTCP application.

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### **Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Updates and Workshop – Oahu** (Posted 8/19/15)

If you operate an agri-business that grows, sells, packs, processes, holds, or manufactures fresh produce, the Food Safety Modernization Act or FSMA rules may apply to you.

We have been receiving an increasing number of inquiries about FSMA and Food Safety Certification. Please stay current with the recent changes as these new changes may affect you and some may not.

This video provides a great overview of the FSMA process:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm334765.htm>

The website below will help you determine if your operation will be affected by the **proposed** FSMA rules, or if you maybe exempt. Please note these are draft rules at the moment and the final rules will be released in October 2015. The final rule will address the concerns raised during the public comment period. .

<http://sustainableagriculture.net/fsma/who-is-affected/>

Jensen and I have been conducting food safety educational workshops and on farm coaching across the island for the past few years in conjunction with CTAHR's Food Safety team. While the on farm coaching program (grant funded) is no longer being offered, we will be meeting with members of CTAHR, HDOA, and HFB later this week to understand how we can collaborate to reach a wider audience.

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ctahr/farmfoodsafety/tools-pubs/>

Please also find a workshop announcement by South County HFB about an upcoming FSMA workshop (Click flyer for more information). Please RSVP directly to: [scfb@hfbf.org](mailto:scfb@hfbf.org)

Thank you for bringing these concerns forward. We are working to gather additional resources to support your respective agri-business operations.

Aloha,

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**Big Island Association of Nurserymen - 2015 Fall Horticultural Show and Plant Sale - Hilo** (Posted 8/19/15)

Friday, October 2, 2015 - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
and

Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Afook-Chinen Auditorium, Hilo, HI

Meet and talk with Big Island plant producers. Also, there will be educational booths with County, State, and Federal Agencies.

Click flyer for information or visit, <http://www.hawaiiplants.org/>

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**Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Deadline Soon!**

Aloha Everyone!

Here is the NAP deadline coming up at the end of the month. Do not wait until the last minute. [What is NAP?](#)  
Search "USDA FSA NAP" online.

For 2016 Coverage – October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Must sign up by September 1st, 2015:

- Floriculture (Cut Flowers)
- Aqua Culture
- Mushrooms
- Christmas Trees

There is no charge for NAP coverage for the following:

- Socially Disadvantaged (includes female)
- Limited Resource
- Beginning Farmers

Have a great one!

LESTER UEDA, COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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## **Grower Group Monthly Meetings**

### **Ka'u Coffee Growers Cooperative Monthly Meeting**

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

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

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (second Wednesday of the month)  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Kona Cooperative Extension Service

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

Tuesday, September 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, September 15, 2015 (third Tuesday of the month)  
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Kona Cooperative Extension Service

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

Monday, September 21, 2015 (third Monday of the month)  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
81-6393 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI 96750  
If headed south, turn right after the white house/building that is across the street from the thrift store. If headed north, turn left after the mock orange hedge and before the white house/building.

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

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 (last Wednesday of the month)  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Teshima's Restaurant (Honalo)  
(797251 Mamalahoa Hwy, Holualoa, HI)