

Hawaii Food Self-Sufficiency Where We Need to Go From Here

Come and join our celebration of the founding of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in this annual UN World Food Day event.

Place: Hilo Boys and Girls Club

Time: Friday October 16, 2009

Pupus and Garden Visit from 5 to 6 pm followed by

Panel Discussion: **Hawaii Food Self-Sufficiency – Where We Need to Go**

Panelists: Nancy Redfeather, Kohala Center

Manu Meyers, UH Hilo

Margarita Hopkins, Hawaii County R & D

Russell Nagata, CTAHR, Komohana Ag Complex

Moderator: Richard Ha

Each panelist has been asked to outline 2 – 4 issues or initiatives which he/she feels are critical to moving our island toward greater food self-sufficiency and indicate reasons for the choices and ways the public can advance these initiatives. There will be time for questions afterwards.

The results of this panel discussion will be carried over to the November 7th E Malama Aina Festival where these and other issues can be discussed more fully.

Our State imports roughly 85% of the food it consumes. This puts us in a precarious situation in a world with so many uncertainties. Every citizen should take note and be asking what needs to be done and how we will accomplish it.

Please join us and share your thoughts and concerns.

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