



Agricultural Resources Bulletin: January 8, 2015



Aloha kākou,

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou (Happy New Year)! If you've made resolutions to increase your agricultural and business knowledge, learn new skills, and develop new relationships within Hawai'i's agricultural community in 2015, we're here to help. We'll continue to keep you informed of opportunities to sharpen your skills (and learn new ones), secure capital, build your business, and strengthen Hawai'i's rural economy. Below is a list of upcoming events that may be of interest to you. As always, please feel free to visit our website at kohalacenter.org/business for more details.

Mahalo,

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Rural and Cooperative Business Development Services
The Kohala Center

UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Listening Sessions for Hawai'i Island Broadband Project](#)

Organized by The Kohala Center and Guy Kaulukukui, Kealapono LLC

January 5–8, 2015

5:30–6:30 p.m.

North Hawai'i Education and Research Center, 45-539 Plumeria Street, Honoka'a ([map and directions](#))

Free of charge, open to all.

The Kohala Center, in conjunction with [Kealapono LLC](#), is holding listening sessions in the Hāmākua district between January 5 and 8 to explore the need for Internet services at broadband speeds in the area. Representatives will share aspects of the Hawai'i Island Broadband Project and gather community input and feedback. Three sessions are scheduled, with each session focusing on a segment of the Hāmākua community:

- Monday, January 5: Pa'auilo – Kalōpā
- Wednesday, January 7: Honoka'a – Āhualoa
- Thursday, January 8: Kukuihaele – Waipi'o Valley

All three sessions will be held at the North Hawai'i Education and Research Center (NHERC) Pavilion from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend the session focusing on the area of the Hāmākua district where they live or work.

The Kohala Center's Hawai'i Island Broadband Project is funded by the Hawai'i County Research and Development department, in cooperation with the state of Hawai'i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

For more information, contact Guy Kaulukukui at Kealahono by calling 808-393-9391 or emailing guy@kealahonohawaii.com.

Three Sisters Garden

Presented by Hayley Blondin

January 24, 2015

9 a.m. to Noon

Parker School Garden, 65-1224 Lindsey Road, Waimea ([map and directions](#))

Free of charge. Open to all K-12 teachers, although content will emphasize grades K-5.

Augment your toolkit for making connections between the classroom and the garden in this interactive, resource-rich workshop. Hayley will share curriculum plans and resources to develop a unit around the planting, cultivation, and harvest of the traditional Native American Three Sisters Garden. Resources include grade-level appropriate readers, writing prompts, recipes, craft ideas, planting materials and tips, sample student work, and much more. Originally designed for third grade, this unit can be modified to meet the needs of any K-5 elementary classroom. This workshop will focus on the Three Sisters Garden, but will cultivate techniques and ideas about how to develop unit plans for other gardens such as salsa gardens, canoe-plant gardens, and pollinator gardens.

For more information and to register, contact Donna Mitts at dmitts@kohalacenter.org or 808-936-2117.

Crop Insurance and Recordkeeping Workshop

January 26, 2015

3 to 5 p.m.

The Kohala Center, 65-1291A Kawaihae Road (immediately behind the High Country Traders building), Waimea ([map and directions](#))

The Kohala Center will host a meeting with [AgriLogic Insurance Services, LLC](#), on crop insurance and recordkeeping. Nicole Gueck from AgriLogic, one of the largest developers of crop insurance programs for the USDA, will educate technical-assistance providers and agricultural producers on crop insurance and recordkeeping. The workshop will be primarily geared towards individuals that work in leadership roles in the agricultural community such as co-op managers, loan specialists, rural developers, business plan and market research specialists, and others. The meeting is also open to agricultural producers who would like to learn more about insurance and recordkeeping.

Topics to be covered include:

1. Recordkeeping: The Foundation of Profitability and Sustainability in Agricultural Production
2. Cost of Production and Breakeven Analysis: Is My Farm a Business or an Expensive Hobby?
3. Crop Insurance: Know Your Options; It Could Save Your Farm in a Future Catastrophe!

Please RSVP for this event by January 20th, as seating is limited. RSVP to Al-Qawi Majidah by phone at 808-887-6411 or email at amajidah@kohalacenter.org. For more information about AgriLogic, visit their website at <http://www.agrillogic.com>.

Hawai'i Master Food Preserver Certificate Program

Presented by The University of Hawai'i at Hilo's College of Continuing Education and Community Service in collaboration with Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers

February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 23, and 24, 2015

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

81-6393 Māmalahoa Highway, Kealahono ([map and directions](#))

This program will also be offered in Hilo; dates, times, and location TBA

This is an eight-day certificate program that will cover everything from canning fruit and vegetables to pickling, fermenting, and more, all while practicing food safety and preventing foodborne illness. The course instructor is renowned fruit guru Ken Love, who will impart his knowledge, humor, and frankness over 64 hours of hands-on training.

If you're interested in getting certified as a Master Food Preserver in food safety and preservation, contact Luisa Castro at 808-974-7664 or luisac@hawaii.edu by January 28 to request an application. Attendance is limited to 12 students. Tuition is \$100. For more information about the course, visit <http://hilo.hawaii.edu/academics/ccecs/MasterFoodPreserver.php>.

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