

THE KOHALA CENTER

RURAL AND COOPERATIVE BUSINESS
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Aloha <<First Name>>,

The Kohala Center's Rural and Cooperative Business Development Services team is dedicated to strengthening Hawai'i's rural and agricultural businesses. Upcoming events include a four-week course on managing pests and diseases on Maui, an awards program for U.S. tea growers, and workshops on Hawai'i Island covering composting and food safety in school gardens, record-keeping strategies for farmers, and a new mobile slaughter unit. Please visit our website at kohalacenter.org/business for more information about our services, upcoming events, microloan programs, and other resources.

Mahalo,
Nicole, Melanie, Anna-Lisa, Dana, Derrick, Anthony, and Zoe
Rural and Cooperative Business Development Services
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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

Managing Pests & Diseases

Susi Mastrianni, Instructor

Thursdays, May 7–28 • 3–5:30 p.m.

University of Hawai'i–Maui College, 310 W. Ka'ahumanu Ave, Kahului ([map](#))

Learn the holistic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy of monitoring and controlling pests and diseases for plants. Participants will learn to identify common pests and diseases, diagnose plant symptoms and problems, and use cultural, mechanical biological and safe chemical controls to avoid and resolve pest and disease issues. The instructor, Susi Mastrianni, is a professional garden designer, consultant, and arborist with over a decade of experience.

Tuition: \$225 (\$113 with ETF discount). Visit EdventureMaui.com to register online. ETF Tuition assistance is available to eligible Hawai'i employers and their employees. Please contact Workforce Development Division/WorkSource Maui at 808-984-2091 for eligibility. Please submit the application prior to registration with Edventure. For more information about the course, contact Melanie Stephens at 808-984-3502 or mvstephe@hawaii.edu.

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Tea of the United States (TOTUS)

TOTUS is the first national tea competition specifically for USA grown tea. The TOTUS Awards are open

to all tea farms, researchers, and beginning growers whose tea crop origin is cultivated in U.S. soil. We encourage producing states to gain global recognition by participating in our national competitive program juried by an international industry panel. TOTUS promotes origin pride, identifies tea production making significant contributions in domestic agriculture and innovative trade. The TOTUS Awards will be held November 2015 on Hawai'i Island and hosted by the Hawai'i Tea Society in partnership with the Volcano Art Center, The Kohala Center, Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council, and Hawai'i Farmers Union United.

For more information about deadlines, rules, entry fees, and how to apply, visit totus1awards.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Teachers Teaching Teachers: Composting and Food Safety for the School Garden

Facilitated by Mary Lynn Garner

May 9, 2015 • 9 a.m.–Noon

Konawaena High School Garden, 81-1043 Konawaena School Rd, Kealahou ([map](#))

Free and open to all community members, with an emphasis on K-12 teachers. This workshop will give school garden teachers a direct knowledge of how to prepare compost with students in a school garden setting. Information about food safety protocols will be included. It will be held at the site of the Salad Bar Garden in the agriculture department at Konawaena High School in Kealahou. Presented by the Hawai'i Island School Garden Network. For more information and to register, contact Donna Mitts at dmitts@kohalacenter.org or 808-936-2117.

Farm Record-keeping Workshop

Co-sponsored by The Kohala Center and Palili 'O Kohala, a project of Kahua Pa'a Mua

Tuesday, May 12 • 5–7:30p.m.

Kohala Village Hub, 55-514 Hāwī Rd, Hāwī ([map](#))

Farmers frequently need records to obtain loans, file taxes, acquire organic certification, and/or track yields and profitability. Accurate records are a prerequisite for crop insurance and disaster assistance, can also aid farmers in making better decisions about which crops to grow, and help them operate their farms as businesses. This workshop is for Hawai'i Island growers wanting to get started with record keeping as well as those who already have a system but want improve their operations. Dr. Stuart T. Nakamoto, extension economist at the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, will lead the workshop and cover topics such as getting started with record keeping; organizing farm receipts, papers and notes; and using a record-keeping workbook to create or modify existing systems.

The workshop is free but pre-registration is required by May 8 at farm-record-keeping.eventbrite.com. Participants who pre-register will receive a free binder of record-keeping forms they may use in their own record-keeping systems. For more information, please contact Stuart Nakamoto at snakamo@hawaii.edu or 808-956-8125.

Hawai'i Island Meat Cooperative Producer Meetings

Presented by Big Island Resource Conservation & Development, Hawai'i Small Business Development Center, and The Kohala Center

Family ranchers on Hawai'i Island will be able to access an additional slaughter option through a new **mobile slaughter unit** for cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs beginning in 2016. Funding from the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture has moved this project from concept to reality, as the unit has been ordered. Please attend one of these informational sessions to learn more about using the unit and becoming a member of this cooperative.

Hilo

Sunday, May 17 • 5–6 p.m.

Komohana Research and Extension Center, 875 Komohana St ([map](#))

Pāhala

Sunday, June 14 • 5–6 p.m.

Pāhala Community Center, 96-1149 Kamani St ([map](#))

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Mapping Hawai'i's Agricultural Footprint: Emerging Trends in Hawai'i's Rural Land Use

Facilitated by Jeff Melrose and presented by the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Faculty Congress and the College of Continuing Education and Community Service

Wednesday, May 20 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.

University of Hawai'i at Hilo, UCB 100 ([map](#))

The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture contracted UH Hilo to produce current maps of Hawaii's agricultural footprint. The *Agricultural Baseline 2015* will expand on the award winning "Hawai'i County Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline" that mapped the digital footprint of agriculture on Hawai'i Island in 2012 and will shed new light on the many forms that post-plantation agriculture presents statewide.

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