



Agricultural Resources Bulletin: June 4, 2015



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 our paid summer Sustainable Agriculture Internship Program for high school students, a creative series of agroforestry workshops, a Risk Management Workshop from UH CTAHR, a producer meeting about Hawai'i Island's new mobile slaughter unit, a Farm to Charter School mixer in Pāhoa, and more. 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
The Kohala Center

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

Paid Summer Sustainable Agriculture Internships (Ages 15–19)

Sponsored by The Kohala Center and Kamehameha Schools' 'Āina Ulu Program

July 13–24, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Friday

The Kohala Center Demonstration Farm, Honoka'a ([map](#))

Hey high school students and recent grads! This summer get paid to learn how to grow your own food, take field trips to Hawai'i Island farms and ranches, and experience traditional Hawaiian land management in our two-week Sustainable Agriculture Internship Program! Visit and work on local farms, harvest and make your own 'ono grinds, tour an ahupua'a from mauka to makai, take home plants to start your own garden, explore careers in sustainable agriculture, and meet students from other schools. Visit koha.la/farminterns for more information and to apply, or call The Kohala Center at 808-887-6411.

Creative Agroforestry Workshops

Sponsored by the USDA Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education in collaboration with Hawai'i Homegrown Food Network

- June 12–13: Kahului, Maui
- June 20–21: Kona, Hawai'i Island
- June 27–28: Waipahu, O'ahu

Topics include learning about traditional Pacific island crops and agroforestry systems, soil fertility

maintenance using locally available resources, pest and disease prevention strategies, small-scale enterprise development and value-added processing based on perennial food plants, Hawaiian cultural perspective on Pacific Island agroforestry systems, and strategies for converting to agroforestry systems. Workshops also include NRCS practice standards that support the use of agroforestry systems, integrating livestock and poultry, perennial alternatives to annual crops local experiences and more. Advance registration is required. Registration includes lunch on both days and a copy of Craig Elevitch's *Agroforestry for the Pacific Islands*. For more information about the earlybird and regular registration rates, visit agroforestry.org/projects/food-producing-landscapes

Seeking applications to join board of directors or committee

Hawaii Organic Farming Association

Deadline for submittal: Tuesday, June 30

HOFA is reaching out to the organic community for help to once again become the pre-eminent, educational and networking organization for organics in Hawaii. HOFA hopes to work with farmers to share knowledge, initiate research and increase organic production in our state. HOFA is looking for individuals who wish to submit their information to join the Board of Directors or to serve on a sub-committee. It is not required to serve on the Board in order to serve on the committee. For inquires or to submit a resume and a statement outlining your vision for the future of HOFA and your special qualities e-mail Una Greenaway at una@hawaii.rr.com.

Living Farm Internship

Hosted by Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture

July 5–August 1

Halawa Farm, Kapa'au

Join HIP Ag for a special offering of the Living Farm Internship, and experience the daily happenings of a working farm while immersing in the study of tropical permaculture and conscious agriculture. During this four-week course students work and learn alongside HIP Ag instructors, participating in all elements of daily farm life. Weekly class topics include permaculture, tropical agroforestry, plant medicine, sustainable living, beekeeping, soil fertility and more. Study with lead farmer Dashiell Kuhr, and experience the transformative power of working with the land and restoring our connection to a vital living earth. For more information and to register, visit hipagriculture.org/education/internship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Risk Management Workshop

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

Tuesday, June 9 • 5 p.m.

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

Hawai'i Island farmers are invited to attend a free Risk Management workshop to learn about disaster assistance programs available to Hawai'i growers. Advance registration is required at farm-risk-management.eventbrite.com. For more information contact Stuart Nakamoto at snakamo@hawaii.edu or 808-956-8125.

Hawai'i Island Meat Cooperative Producer Meeting

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

Sunday, June 14 • 5–6 p.m.

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

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. A partnership with the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture has moved this project from concept to reality, as the mobile unit is on order. Please attend this producer meeting to learn more about using the unit and becoming a member of the cooperative.

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Pig to Plate: Animal Husbandry Workshop

Co-sponsored by The Kohala Center and Palili 'O Kohala, a project of Kahua Pa'a Mua
Thursday and Friday, June 18–19
Palili 'O Kohala Natural Farming Learning Lab, Ho'ea Rd, Hāwī ([map](#))

- Hog Home Slaughter: June 18, 3–6 p.m.
- Imu: Cooking the Hawaiian Way: June 19, 2–7 p.m.

Two days of workshops providing step-by-step instructions for efficiently processing a humanely raised, naturally farmed, homegrown hog to feed your family. Learn how to prepare a traditional imu (underground oven) and cook a hog from start to finish. The workshops will also delve into natural farming techniques, animal husbandry basics, and feeding requirements. Taught by David B. Fuertes, who holds a B.S. in animal science from the University of Hawai'i and has nine years of experience teaching animal husbandry for the Ka Hana No'eau mentoring program at Honokaa and Kohala High Schools. Registration is free but advance registration is required at pig-plate.eventbrite.com
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“Meet Your Farmer” Farm to Charter School Mixer

Hosted by The Kohala Center and the Arts & Sciences Center
Tuesday, June 30 • 3–4:30 p.m.
Hawai'i Academy Arts and Science Public Charter School
15-1397 Homestead Rd, Pāhoa ([map](#))

The farm to school movement is gaining momentum in Hawai'i. Island farmers and distributors are invited to a mini trade show to meet public charter school reps who are leading the charge to create a local supply chain to feed our keiki fresh, nutritious, locally grown food—your food! Registration is free but space is limited. Reserve your spot online at koha.la/f2smixer by June 25 or call The Kohala Center at 808-887-6411.

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East Hawai'i Farmers Union United Membership Meeting

Hosted by CTAHR Komohana Extension and Research Services
Thursday, June 18 • 6–8 p.m.
875 Komohana Street, Hilo ([map](#))

Join us for the monthly East Chapter Farmers Union meeting, free and open to all! The evening will include a potluck, open mic, a cooking demonstration, a produce swap, and a presentation on Mushroom Cultivation 101 by Zach Mermel.

48th Annual Membership Meeting

Presented by the Macadamia Nut Association
Saturday, June 20 • 9 a.m.
CTAHR Komohana Research Center, 875 Komohana Street, Hilo ([map](#))

The HMNA's annual membership meeting includes panel presentations, guest speakers from the International Nut Council, CTAHR, USDA and Risk Management agency. Other presentations include updates on pollinator management, macadamia feltd coccid research and the requisite processors panel. Pre-registration is \$35.00 per person before June 12 or \$45 at the door. Lunch is included.

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Little Fire Ant Management Workshop

Sponsored by Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Friday, June 26 • 9 a.m.
16 East Lanikaula Street, Hilo ([map](#))

Free monthly workshops are focused primarily on residents who wish to manage Little Fire Ants around their homes. Participants will be guided through management techniques including practical demonstrations on how to mix and apply the HAL gel bait. Limited seats are available so book early. E-mail Heather Forester at heather.forester@littlefireants.com to book a place or for more information visit littlefireants.com.

23rd Annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference 2015

Sponsored by the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance

Monday–Thursday, August 3–6

University of Hawai'i at Hilo

The Hanohano Hawai'i Kuauli conference allows a diverse group of scientists, policymakers, conservation practitioners, educators, students and community member from Hawai'i and the Pacific to converge and discuss conservation. It's a time to connect, share and inspire, all with the common goal of caring for our natural resources. Visit hawaiiconservation.org/conference for more information about the program schedule, speakers, and registration fees.

The Dirt on Soilless Agriculture Conference

Presented by Mari's Gardens

Saturday, August 15 • 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

94-415 Makapipipi Street, Mililani ([map](#))

Learn about the advancements and opportunities in soilless agriculture in Hawai'i from leading industry experts. Some topics include controlled environment vegetable production, aquaponics, hydroponics, intensive strawberry production, and collaborative community projects. A panel of experts will discuss the current challenges and possible solutions in Hawai'i agriculture. Advance registration is required. For more information visit eventbrite.com/e/the-dirt-on-soilless-agriculture-tickets-16440237192

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