



Agricultural Resources Bulletin: June 18, 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 Farm to Charter School mixer in Pāhoa, a Little Fire Ant Management workshop, the East Hawai'i Farmer Union United Membership meeting, 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 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, 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 a vegetarian lunch on the first day and a copy of Craig Elevitch's new 320-page book *Agroforestry Landscapes for Pacific Islands: Creating abundant and resilient food systems*. 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

Hawai'i Organic Farming Association (HOFA)

Deadline for submittal: Tuesday, June 30

HOFA is reaching out to the organic community for help to once again become the preeminent educational and networking organization for organics in Hawai'i. 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 subcommittee. It is not required to serve on the Board in order to serve on a committee. For inquiries or to submit a resume and a statement outlining your vision for the future of HOFA and your special qualities, email Una Greenaway at una@hawaii.rr.com.

Living Farm Internship

Hosted by Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag)

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.

Food Innovation Project: Value-Added Producer Services

Hosted by University of Hawai'i and sponsored by a U.S. Department of Labor Value Added Producer Grant

Spring 2016

Kapi'olani Community College

The Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) has launched a Food Innovation Project for research and development to create value-added products using ingredients from local farms and maximizing the use of seconds and blemished farm products. Beginning in Spring 2016 KCC will offer services to food producers and farmers in value-added food product development including recipe creation and testing, analytical testing, nutritional labeling, supplies, and current equipment capabilities. [View/download the flyer](#) for more information and contact.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 Honoka'a and Kohala High Schools. Registration is free but advance registration is required at pig-plate.eventbrite.com

[»View the flyer](#)

“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.

[»View the flyer](#)

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.

Listening Session

Hosted by the Kohala Mountain Educational Farm

Friday, July 16 • 6–8 p.m.

65-1291A Kawaihae Rd, Waimea ([map](#))

The Kohala Mountain Educational Farm, better known as the Pumpkin Patch, is growing into a year-round educational farm with a mission rooted in agricultural education. KMEF would like to share their plans with the community and receive any feedback, ideas, and opinions. Refreshments will be provided. More sessions are planned for Hilo, Kona, and Kohala. For more information email

visit.kmef@gmail.com or call 808-937-7432

PRODUCTION NEWS:

New Pest Advisory: Bagrada Bug

The bagrada bug (*Bagrada hilaris* (Burmeister)), an important pest of crucifers such as arugula, broccoli, cabbage, collards, cauliflower, kale, turnip, mustard, and other plants, was recently found in Kona on Hawai'i Island. The bagrada bug was first found in the islands last year on Maui. [View/download the Hawaii Department of Agriculture New Pest Advisory](#) for detailed information, color photos, and how to report a suspected sighting.

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