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### **Farm record-keeping workshop at Kohala Village Hub**

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—May 1, 2015—A free record-keeping workshop designed for Hawai‘i Island farmers will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, at the Kohala Village Hub in Hawi.

Dr. Stuart T. Nakamoto, extension economist at the University of Hawaii 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 <http://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.

Farmers frequently need records to obtain loans, file taxes, acquire organic certification, or track yields and profitability. Accurate records are a prerequisite for crop insurance and disaster assistance. They can also aid farmers in making better decisions about which crops to grow and help them operate their farms as businesses. The workshop is for growers wanting to get started with record keeping as well as those who already have a system but want improve their operations.

The workshop will be held in the dining room at Kohala Village Hub (formerly Kohala Village Inn/Luke’s Place) located at 55-514 Hawi Road in Hawi. Registrants may contact Nakamoto at [snakamo@hawaii.edu](mailto:snakamo@hawaii.edu) or (808) 956-8125 for more information. The workshop is co-sponsored by Palili ‘O Kohala, a project of Kahua Pa‘a Mua, and The Kohala Center.

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