

NEW - Manufacturing grant, Affordable Ag Housing, Cover Crop education week is March 14-16, Localicious. Next Meeting for West Oahu SWCD is March 28.

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West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Working with Farmers to Conserve Hawaii's Soil and Water Resources since 1950.



Cover Crop Calculator Week

Presented by UH CTAHR Extension

March 14–16 • Honolulu, O'ahu; Hilo, Hawai'i Island; and Waialua, O'ahu

Cover Crops improve soil quality, water flow, nutrient management, crop yields and more. West Oahu SWCD recognizes the value of cover crops in agriculture. We are pleased that our partners in agriculture at UH CTAHR extension are dedicating so much time and energy to conducting research and training for you - our partners in Soil and Water Conservation. Thanks, UH!

Tuesday March 14, 2017

10:30am-12:30pm

Magoon Experiment Station (Classroom)

2717 Woodlawn Drive, Honolulu, Oahu

10:30am- Registration

10:50 am- Open Introduction by Ted Radovich, CTAHR, UH

11:00am- *"Estimate plant-available nitrogen using Cover Crop Calculator developed in Hawaii"* by Koon-Hui Wang, CTAHR, University of Hawaii (Personal laptop computers are recommended)

12:00PM - Cover crop mix and demonstration of cover crop sampling in the field (Nick Andrews, Oregon State University).

12:30pm- PAU

Thursday March 16, 2017

9:00am-10:00am

University of Hawaii at Manoa, St. John 106; 3019 Maile Way, Honolulu, Oahu

"Croptime: using degree-days to schedule vegetables" by Nick Andrews, Oregon

State University.

1:00pm-2:40pm

Poamoho Experiment Station

65-602 Kaukonahua Rd., Waialua, Oahu

1:00 pm – registration/ Open Introduction by Ted Radovich, CTAHR, UH.

1:15 – 1:30 pm Brief introduction to cover crop calculator by Koon-Hui Wang

1:30 – 2:00 pm Field demonstration on cover crop sampling to estimate plant available N (Nick Andrew, Koon-Hui Wang)

2:00 – 2:20 pm Field demonstration on cover crop for plant-parasitic nematode management (Philip Waisen, Graduate student)

2:20 – 2:40 pm Precision fertigation, No-till equipment (Jensen Uyeda, Oahu Extension Agent)

2:40 – 3:00 pm Field demonstration on conservation cover cropping for water conservation and insect pest management by enhancing entomopathogenic nematodes and fungi (Josiah Marquez, Graduate student)



Kunia Village could be your new home!

Do you work on a Farm?

Do you transport produce?

Do you work for an aqua farm?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions and are looking for housing, this may be the place for you. Check-in with the Housing Manager, to set up an appointment or to learn more. Call [808.439.6286](tel:808.439.6286). Applications are currently being accepted. Set up your interview today.

This family friendly housing and farm village is located on the site of the former Del Monte Plantation Camp in the central Oahu farm belt. There is both newly built and recently renovated rental housing designated specifically for farm workers, their families, and those in agriculture or aquaculture employment. Rent will not exceed 30% of the combined household monthly income. Example - 4 persons with a household income of \$55,000/year / 12 months = \$1375 rent/month – including water and sewer utilities.

<http://www.eahhousing.org/>

ChefZone Presents the Fourth Annual Localicious Hawai'i Campaign

It's the moment we've all been waiting for – and it was well worth the wait. **Happy Localicious Launch Day!**

From now until the end of the month, you can join us in celebrating more than 170 restaurants that source local for the fourth annual Localicious Hawai'i campaign. Whether you're craving a mouth-watering dessert or a juicy steak sirloin, you can experience the best of Hawai'i's homegrown flavors just by ordering the "Localicious Dish" on the menu. These ono plates are made of 100% local ingredients and each purchase donates \$1 towards expanding HAF's ag education programs.

Before you dig in, make sure you snap, post or tweet a photo of your dish using #LocaliciousHI for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to a supporting eatery.

Localicious Hawai'i 2017 is presented by ChefZone (a division of Y. Hata), with additional support provided by Hawaii Gas, Hawaii State Department of Agriculture, Honolulu Brewers' Festival, HONOLULU Magazine, International Market Place, Paradise Cove and Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits.

For a full list of participating restaurants in the 2017 Localicious Hawaii campaign, visit www.localicioushawaii.com.



Calendar of Events

Volunteer

- Help Prevent the Spread of Coffee Berry Borer. Join the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC) for a morning of pruning and coffee stripping on March 4, 2017. 7:30 at the HARC Lower Kunia Research Station: 94-340 Kunia Road. Lunch provided. Contact Chifumi Nagai for more information. 808.561.3164

Aggie Events: Get active and involved by learning and sharing at these events!

- March 6, Waianae HFUU - The Wai'anae Chapter of the Hawaii Farmers Union United (HFUU) meets every first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m at Kahumana Organic Farms.
- March 7, East Oahu, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Meeting - Grant Hamachi (President)- grant.hamachi@gmail.com
- March 14, South Oahu, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Meeting - HARC Lower Kunia Research Station: 94-340 Kunia Road. Contact Jayme as meeting date may change jaymebee@gmail.com
- March 14, West Oahu, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Meeting - Jeanne Vana (President)-bigwavetomatoes@gmail.com
- March 30, 2017. North Shore Hawaii Farmers Union United Meeting. Location: Ne Mea Kuponu 66-220 Kaamooloa Road in Waialua.

Online Workshops with NRCS:

- Soil Health Economics, a Farmers Perspective. March 14, 9 am Hawaii time. For more information, [Click Here!](#)
- Engineering Field Tools: an overview and basic tasks - March 28 at 8 am Hawaii time. For More information, [Click here!](#)



Manufacturing Assistance Grant –

\$1,000,000 in state funding has been appropriated to the High Technology Development Corporation to operate and administer the manufacturing development program for fiscal year 2017. The Hawaii Manufacturing Assistance Program offers up to a 20% reimbursement, not to exceed \$100,000 on qualified expenses related to manufacturing to foster economic and employment growth in the state. Qualifying expenses include: equipment purchases, training, energy efficiency projects, and manufacturing feasibility studies. [Click here](#)



FoodCorps Hawaii seeks service members for 2017–2018 school year

The national FoodCorps program is currently accepting applications from emerging food justice leaders for the 2017–2018 school year. The organization seeks up to 225 men and women with a passion for serving their communities, a commitment to social justice, and an interest in jump-starting their careers. Service member positions are available on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu, as well as in communities in 16 states in the continental U.S. and the District of Columbia. The deadline to apply is March 15»[Learn more](#)

Next West Oahu SWCD Meeting: March 28, 2017

Location: Crop Production Services Conference Room, Kunia Village 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759.

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