



May 2017: Landowner Assistance Workshops: Growing

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Parade of Farms is May 6, and the next West Oahu SWCD workshop is May 23.



West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

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



Landowner Assistance Workshops: Growing a Legacy.

West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, and the Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife are pleased to present two Landowner Assistance workshops this summer. These peer and partner hosted workshops provide a unique opportunity for landowners to explore the successes and challenges of land acquisition, easements, management, and legacy planning.

Join us at Edmund C. Olson Trust's Palehua parcel on Saturday, June 3 from 9 - 3.

Board member McD Philpotts will highlight work on the nearly 3000 acre estate to preserve a legacy through conservation and land acquisition. Following by a short hike exploring natural and cultural features, NGO and Governmental partners from the community will introduce participants to options on how they can begin or re-invigorate land legacy planning. View the agenda and register for the workshop today: <https://oahujunelandownerassistance.eventbrite.com>

Explore Waimea Valley through the lens of a land manager and technical experts on July 22 from 9 -3. The Workshop starts with a hike to the restoration site at the summit of the Valley's pu'u. Conservation manager Laurent Pool will share best practices for land management from his experience with the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Forest Stewardship program. Strategize with specialists in conservation, forestry, technical assistance and more on how to best manage your land with the support of governmental and NGO programs. Register here: <https://waimeavalleylandownerworkshop.eventbrite.com>

The cost for each workshop is \$15 and includes lunch and coffee. Click on the event link to view the full agenda and see the list of wonderful speakers. Contact Michelle Gorham with questions. Michelle@OahuSWCD.org or 808.729.1676



Western SARE [Grants](#): Promoting Education, Innovation and Communication about best practices in agriculture

[Farmer/Rancher Grants](#)

These one- to three-year grants are conducted by agricultural producers with support and guidance from a technical advisor. Individual farmers or ranchers may apply for up to \$20,000, and a group of three or more producers may apply for up to \$25,000. Producers typically use their grants to conduct on-site experiments that can improve their operations and the environment and can be shared with other producers. Grant recipients may also focus on marketing and organic production. The 2018 Call for Proposals are due in December 2017. A technical review will be held in January 2018, and proposals will be selected for funding in March 2018.

Other Western SARE Grants:

[Research & Education Grants](#)

[Professional Development Program Grants](#)



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Notes From CTAHR – Rat Lungworm

There's been a lot of activity about the rat lungworm disease in the news lately. Perhaps your farm has been affected because people have been buying less fresh local produce.

CTAHR's Randall T. Hamasaki reminds agriculture producers to check out the CTAHR Farm Food Safety website (see link below). There's a section on the rat lungworm disease that is packed with information from various agencies and organizations.

Want to know what slug and snail pesticides for commercial growers are registered for Hawaii? You can find the list there.

CTAHR Farm Food Safety:


<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ctahr/farmfoodsafety/>

Rat Lungworm section:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ctahr/farmfoodsafety/rat-lungworm/>



Inspections and Audits



Organic Integrity in the Supply Chain: Overview for Certified Organic Handlers

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) National Organic Program (NOP) protects the integrity of USDA organic products throughout the world. As the organic market grows, many growers, processors, and handlers are working within multi-business supply chains, often across borders. This short video reviews the responsibilities of organic handlers in verifying that organic imports comply with U.S. standards. The video also reviews the role of certifiers in overseeing imports and enforcing the standards.

Parade of Farms 2017

The Oahu Resource Conservation & Development Council (Oahu RC&D) is proud to host the second annual Parade of Farms. The event will feature farms and agribusinesses on Oahu's North Shore, providing a "behind-the-scenes" look into the business of farming, on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oahu RC&D invited partners from across Oahu's agricultural industry to cultivate community between producers and consumers. Between 9 and 4 explore exhibits from partners in agriculture and engage in tours of farms opening their properties. Farms include Counter Culture, Malama Loko Ea Fishpond, Mohala Farms, Monsanto's Haleiwa Farm, Na Mea Kuponu, Sweet Land Farm, Twin Bridge Farms and Waialua Estate Coffee & Chocolate.

Transportation/shuttle service will be provided for all tours from the Waialua Sugar Mill, where free and ample parking is available. Guests should be prepared for a field experience and should wear appropriate footwear, sunscreen, hats, bring water, etc.

A free open house of activities will be hosted at the Waialua Sugar Mill including a farmer's market (8-12:30) packed with fresh produce from local farms and businesses.

Check out their Hawaii News Now [video](#)!

Learn more about the community farm tours below:

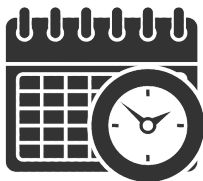
[Tour #1: Agri+CULTURE \(9AM-12PM\)](#)

[Tour #2: Farm Exploration \(9:45AM-12:15PM\)](#)

[Tour #3: North Shore Specials \(1PM-3:45PM\)](#)

[Tour #4: Bean-to-Bar \(12:30PM-3PM\)](#)

Visit <https://parade-of-farms.org/> for registration links and more information about this year's Parade of Farms.



Calendar of Events

Aggie Events and Deadlines: Get involved in Oahu Agriculture

- May 6, 2017, 2017 from 9 - 4. [Parade of Farms](#) at the Waialua Sugar Mill. See Story above.
- May 6, Volunteer Day at Kahumana Organic Farms. Check out their Facebook Page for details.
- May 9, South Oahu, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Meeting - HARC Lower Kunia Research Station: 94-340 Kunia Road. Contact Jayme for info. jaymebee@gmail.com
- May 9, West Oahu, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Meeting - Jeanne Vana (President)-bigwavetomatoes@gmail.com
- May 20 - Manu O Ku Festival at Iolani Palace. Celebrate Ku's Bird (White Tern) from 11 am to 3 pm on the Iolani Palace Coronation Lawn. Food, keiki activities, a manu spotting scope, live music, and great community.
- Foster Garden Plant Sale on May 20 from 9 – 2.
Free Classes! Arrive Early (first come basis): Scot Mitamura "Success at Growing Orchids", Heidi Bornhorst "Growing Hawaiian Plants", Sharon Petersen "Bromeliads and Tillandsias", Mark Suiso "Growing the Right Fruit Tree", Kalani Matsumura "Master Gardeners"
- May 23, West Oahu SWCD Monthly Meeting. Crop Production Services Conference Room, Kunia Village 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759.
- June 3, Landowner Assistance Workshop at Palehua. Explore the legacy of this land with site expert and HILT board member, McD. See story above

- June 5, Waianae HFUU - The Wai'anae Chapter of the Hawaii Farmers Union United (HFUU) meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m at Kahumana Organic Farms
- June 6, East Oahu, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Meeting

A Summer of Learning - Conferences:

Hawaii Environmental Education Conference June 8 - 10. [Register Today](#)

Hawaii Conservation Conference July 18 - 20. [Register Today](#)

2017 Ag Conference August 29 and 30 - [Stay in the Loop](#)



Online Workshops with NRCS:

Pest Management from an Ecological Framework.

May 9, 2017 2:00 pm US/Eastern. 8am Hawaii Time

This webinar will focus on ecological management of agricultural pests (insects and slugs); and, it will emphasize the importance of pairing soil health practices with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to ensure that gains in soil health are not degraded by unnecessary pesticide use.

http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/pest-management-from-an-ecological-framework/webinar_view

Concrete Repair Alternatives: Techniques, Economic Feasibility, Limitations, and Application

May 16, 2017 2:00 pm US/Eastern. 8am Hawaii Time

Learn basic concrete repair alternatives and how to formulate and carry out a repair plan tailored to site specific

needs. <http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/concrete-repair-alternatives>

Water Productivity - Concept, Utility, and Pathways for Improvement.

May 23, 2017 2:00 pm US/Eastern. 8am Hawaii Time

Participate to better understand what the concept of "Water Productivity" is, where it comes from, what its usefulness is, and how to improve it.

<http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/water-productivity-concept-utility-and-pathways-for-improvement>

Next West Oahu SWCD Meeting: May 23, 2017 at 12:30

Location: Crop Production Services Conference Room, Kunia Village 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759. Please enter through the side door.

West Oahu SWCD Directors: Larry Jeffs (Chair), Peter Gibson, Alan Gottlieb, John McHugh, & Joe Para.
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