



West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

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



**THIRD ANNUAL PARADE OF FARMS TO SHOWCASE
WAIMANALO FARMS AND BUSINESSES, MAY 5**

WAIMANALO, HI – The Oahu Resource Conservation & Development Council (Oahu RC&D) is proud to host the Parade of Farms for the third year in a row. The day-long event will feature farms and agribusinesses in the heart of Waimanalo on Oahu's Windward side, providing a "behind-the-scenes" look into the business of farming, on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oahu RC&D leveraged partnerships within Oahu's agricultural industry to cultivate community between producers and consumers at this year's event. The University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' (CTAHR) Waimanalo Research Station will serve as the host and "home base" for the event as well as the open house.

Seven different tours featuring ten local farms will be offered between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. See more information below. Tickets are available at <https://parade-of-farms.org/>. Day-of walk-in tour registration will be available at the CTAHR Waimanalo Research Station until tours are sold out.

Transportation/shuttle service will be provided for all guided tours from the CTAHR Waimanalo Research Station, where free parking will be available. Guests should be prepared for an outdoor field experience and wear appropriate footwear, sunscreen, hats, and bring water.

A free open house of activities will be hosted at the CTAHR Waimanalo Research Station and will include informational booths about local farming and community initiatives. Eventgoers can also choose to take short tours of farm plots located around the station, and a local youth group will be on hand to demonstrate kui kalo (poi pounding) and a variety of keiki activities. A farmer's market packed with fresh produce and locally-made products from surrounding farms

and businesses will be up and running until 2:00 p.m.

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

Frankie's Nursery featuring more than 400 species of plants, is just one of ten farms showcased at this year's Parade of Farms.

Therapeutic Horsemanship of Hawaii: attendees to this year's Parade of Farms can get up close and personal with horses, big and small, during the "Horsin' Around Waimanalo" tour.

Yogarden Hawaii founders Paul Izak (left) and Kelly Stern (right) bring together the principles of yoga philosophy and organic farming techniques to teach the importance of growing food and living a healthy lifestyle, which will be one of several stops on the "Natural Nalo" tour during the 2018 Parade of Farms.

Kanu Farms will demonstrate how they use natural techniques to improve soil health and reduce water use while providing a bounty of produce and fresh eggs during the "Natural Nalo" tour at the 2018 Parade of Farms.

Manoa Chocolate Hawaii will show attendees of the "Waimanalo Riches" tour the science behind their growing processes, which yields tons of raw cacao each year locally here on Oahu.

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Sponsors for the event include the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Hawaii State Department of Agriculture, and Hawaiian Electric Industries Charitable Organization.



When is a grubbing permit required by the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting?

A grubbing permit is required when uprooting or dislodging vegetation from the ground surface across an area more than 15,000 square feet.

Clearing, which involves leaving the root structure in place, is not considered as grubbing and does not require a grubbing permit.

[Read more here](#)

Working with your local SWCD to develop and implement a conservation plan may result in a permit exclusion. Find out more by contacting your local office. West Oahu SWCD staff can be reached at WestOahuSWCD@gmail.com or 808.729.1676

Stay informed about permitting rules through the [Department of Planning and Permitting](#).



Acreage Report Dates

In order to comply with Farm Service Agency (FSA) program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to make an appointment with their FSA County Office to file an accurate crop certification report by the following deadlines:

May 31 - Nursery for the ensuing crop year

July 15 - Banana, Papaya, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

September 30 - Aquaculture, Floriculture, Ginseng, Mushrooms, Turfgrass Sod for the ensuing year

December 16 - Grazed Forage - 15 days before the onset of grazing

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease.

Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office. For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact [your local FSA County Office](#).

USDA Grant Opportunity

Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program

AGENCY: Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO), USDA ACTION: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) SUMMARY: [This notice](#) announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from community-based and non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and Tribal entities to compete for financial assistance through the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (hereinafter known as the "2501 Program"). Individual applicants do not meet the eligibility criteria. Funding is being provided to eligible entities who, in partnership with the Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO), will conduct outreach initiatives and training to achieve the overall goal of the 2501 Program-to assist socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers in owning and operating farms and ranches while increasing their participation in agricultural programs and services provided by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). DATES: Only one project proposal may be submitted per eligible entity. Proposals must be submitted through www.grants.gov and received by May 15, 2018, at 11 :59 p.m. EST. Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

One more teleconference will be held during the open period of this announcement to answer any clarifying questions on the following dates:

April 25, 2018 at 2:00pm EST To join each session, please use the following information: Telephone Number: 1-888-455-1685
Passcode: 7087935

[Find the full announcement here](#)



Calendar of Events

April is Earth Month! Earth Day Celebrations will take place across the island. Check out social media, e-news, and promotions for community events near you. Join West Oahu SWCD at UH Mānoa Campus Center from 10 -2 on the 19th.

April 19: [UH Manoa Earth Day Celebration](#) at the Campus Center Courtyard from 10am - 7pm

April 21: [Mauka to Makai Environmental Expo](#) at the Waikiki Aquarium from 9am - 2pm. Free entry!

Ag Events and Deadlines:

April 9: HFUU Waimanalo Chapter Meeting at Ai Love Nalo, 6:30

April 10: South County Farm Bureau Meeting at HARC Lower Kunia, 6:00

April 16: HFUU North Shore Chapter Meeting, 6:30. Email for confirmation.

April 24: West Oahu SWCD Meeting at CPS, 12:30

April 25: Webinar for USDA grant "Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers" (see above)

May 5: Parade of Farms with Oahu RC&D

May 7: HFUU Waimanalo Chapter Meeting

[Hawaii Farm to School Calendar](#)



Online Workshops with NRCS:

Visit NRCS's online training opportunities and a list of archived webinars [here](#)

West Oahu SWCD's Next Meeting: April 24, 2018 at 12:30pm

Location of all meetings: 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. Associate Director: Mike Glidden.

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