





The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center launched the Farm to Family program, which provides a system of support for both low income families and farmers.

The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center

01 January 2021

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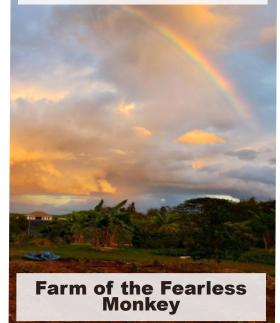


The Thai Farmers Association has worked tirelessly to grow produce for the Farm to Family Program. They have maintained their businesses with support from the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture and the CARES Act.

02 February 2021

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"In this year marked by grief, anxiety, and loss, we found lova and strength in our relationships with the land, our friends, family, and the community even when separated. Farming and growing food made us feel resilient in the face of all the uncertainties."- Maigee Chang.

Image: Claire Fallon

03 March 2021

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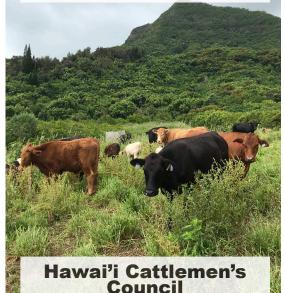
West Oahu SWCD Bright Spots in Agriculture Hawaiian Vanilla Plantation

"In 2020, transitioning from a single crop production to a diversified agricultural model was vital for the farm to thrive during COVID. Not only was it important for the farm to turn a profit, it provided us an opportunity to better serve our community." - Griffin Twigg

04 April 2021

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"While the COVID pandemic changed life for everyone, ranchers showed their resilience and continued to steward the land, providing ecosystem services while producing food for the community. In 2020, Hawaii's ranchers generously donated over 25,000 pounds of beef to families in need." - Nicole Galase

05 May 2021

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Memorial Day





"The Hawaii Farm Bureau's Farmers Markets are a key resource for Oahu communities, connecting local growers to consumers. With the continuously evolving COVID-19 situation, supplying families with fresh produce while supporting our hardworking farmers is essential for the community."

06 June 2021

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Kahumana Organic Farms

"The pandemic exposed the vulnerability of Hawaii's conventional food system and the strength of many farmers, community-based organizations and food hubs that swiftly responded to the increased need for local food through home-deliveries and public food distributions."- Saleh Azizi

07 July 2021

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West Oahu SWCD **Bright Spots in Agriculture KōHana Distillers**

"A few silver linings emerged through the disaster of COVID. Notably, we became closer to our community. As a distillery, we gave back by switching our ethanol away from agricole rum and into hand sanitizer production to help keep Hawaii safe." - Jason Brand

08 August 2021

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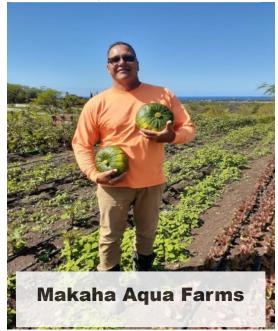
West Oahu SWCD **Bright Spots in Agriculture Farm Lovers Markets**

"My work is about feeding our communites healthy local food. What keeps me inspired during these times is the dedication of our famers and food vendors." - Pamela Boyar

09 September 2021

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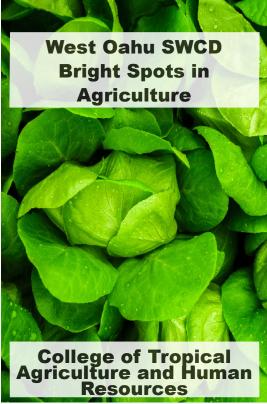
"I just started rebuilding the farm operations this year after devastating losses during a fire in aug. 2018. The threat of fires are my main concern" -Bula Iaea. In 2020, OACA launched a Waianae Wildfire Hui to support farmers like Bulla.

10 October 2021

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Halloween





"It has been very impressive to see many farms adapt to the reduction in demand for wholesale buyers buy adjusting the way they move product direct to the consumers. It has also been impressive to see that most have maintained their labor during the duration of the pandemic and continue to be resilient through these hard times."- Jensen Uyeda

11 November 2021

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	Hanukkah					
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West Oahu SWCD Bright Spots in Agriculture Pu'u o Kona Native Nursery

"Our key partners have supported us tremendously through this pandemic and I don't know where we would be without them! These time really highlight the importance of community and partnerships not just in business but also in environmental sustainability and economic security. It really does 'take a village." - Taylor Marsh

12 December 2021

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West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District

About Us:

Established in January of 1950, West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) helps farmers, ranchers and landowners to more sustainably manage their lands through best management practices for 70 years. We execute our mission through support of conservation plan review and implementation as well as educational programming.

West Oahu SWCD believes in the power of partnerships and education to strengthen agriculture in Hawaii.

Mission: Coordinate and facilitate partners and governmental agencies in identifying and implementing projects and practices with cultural sensitivity to assure the protection of Hawaii's environment.

Directors: Larry Jefts (Chair), Alan Gottlieb (Vice-Chair and Treasurer), John

McHugh (Secretary) , Joe Para, and Peter Gibson (at large)

Associates: Mike Glidden and Kalani Fronda

Operational support provided by Oahu Agriculture and Conservation Association: Michelle Gorham and Janice Staab

Muku (new moon)

Mahealani (full moon)

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This edition of the West Oahu SWCD calendar highlights some of the bright spots in agriculture in the midst of all the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has brought. The partners, programs, and people involved in Hawaii agriculture came together to support one another. These partnerships have allowed many to stay afloat. We remain grateful to work with such an inspiring community.

Mahalo Mahi'ai. Thank you Farmers.