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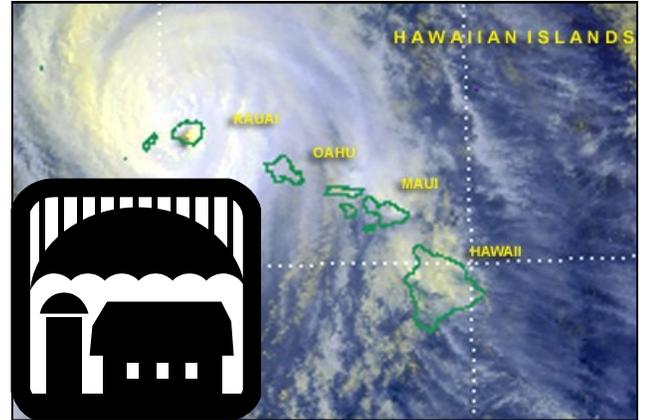
Free! - Federal Crop Insurance and Disaster Assistance Workshop - Free!

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

5:00 pm—7:30 pm

Kaneohe County Extension Office—45-260 Waikalua Road (behind police station)

Crop Insurance and Disaster Assistance Workshop (repeat event). **Disaster assistance rules have changed!** Producers are reminded of the new linkage requirement, where USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster assistance programs will only be available to producers who have crop insurance or NAP coverage. Sign up deadlines for 2011 are Dec. 1, 2010 for NAP and Dec. 31 for most crop insurance. This workshop will inform participants about risk management, AGR-Lite, crop-specific USDA-RMA crop insurance products, and USDA-FSA disaster assistance programs that concern all Hawaii growers. Producers are encouraged to attend to learn about what applies to their crops, what it takes to qualify, & how to apply.



Questions? Contact Stuart T. Nakamoto via email at snakamo@hawaii.edu or telephone (808) 956-8125

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Contact Stuart Nakamoto @ (808)956-8125 seven days before the activity/event.

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2010 County Committee Election - LAA #1- Nominee

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The FSA County Committee is an important link between national USDA programs and local farmers. As part of the Committee, members will make important decisions on the needs of local programs such as establishing yields, determining conservation priorities, and disaster assistance. Honolulu County will be holding an election for a person to represent Local Administrative Area (LAA) # 1. A Local Administrative Area (LAA) is an elective area. Single counties are divided into three LAAs. LAA #1 consists of all ranchers and farmers whose farm or ranch operations are located in Waimanalo, Honolulu, & Pearl City.



Local Administrative Area #1=

If your farm is located in LAA #1 you may be an eligible voter. Please call the Honolulu County FSA Office to confirm your voting eligibility, or be added to the eligible voter list. Eligible farmers or ranchers may request a ballot if they don't receive one in the mail.



Nominee for this year's election...

The candidate for this year's Honolulu County FSA Committee Election is Mr. Wayne Shimokawa. Mr. Shimokawa operates a family hog farm in Waimanalo.

Farm Service Agency Conservation Loan Program

FSA has launched a new Conservation Loan (CL) program that will provide farm owners and farm-related business operators access to credit to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources.

Conservation Loan funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), such as the installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques or technologies.

Direct CLs can be obtained through local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices with loan limits up to \$300,000. Guaranteed CLs up to \$1,112,000 are available from lenders working with FSA.

For more information on the Conservation Loan program, contact a local FSA office or visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.



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Grant Funds Available for Farmers in Waimanalo Watershed



The Oahu Rural Conservation & Development is offering financial assistance (up to 70% cost-share) to upgrade irrigation systems and implement a variety of conservation practices on farms in the Waimanalo Watershed. Funding comes from the Department of Health-Clean Water Branch, and supports activities that protect good water quality.

Call Jean Brokish for more information at 483-8600 ext 123.
The deadline to apply is December 31, 2010.