

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Upcoming Events in 2009:

2009 Workshop on USDA Revenue Insurance (New Program)

Windward Community College

5:30 - 9:00 pm

Tuesday January 13, 2009

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Federal crop insurance, a risk management tool that enables farmers to insure some *crop yields*, is currently available for Hawaii growers of macadamia nuts, coffee, bananas, papayas and nursery.

By contrast USDA revenue insurance insures a grower's *total farm income* and therefore covers *all* crops. **Revenue insurance is also now available in Hawaii.** A workshop on agricultural risk, focusing in particular on the use of **the new USDA revenue insurance** (called "Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite" insurance and often abbreviated as "AGR-Lite") to help producers manage risks related to their whole farm income, will be held on January 13, 2009.

Featured speakers:

John Nelson, with the Western Center for Risk Management Education at Washington State University, will provide a good overview of what revenue insurance is and how Hawaii growers can benefit from using it. He is a skilled educator with considerable practical experience, both as a farmer and a banker. He brings a unique perspective from which to describe AGR-Lite insurance, having worked with it for years on the mainland and also having helped lead the effort to design Hawaii's new program.

Ed Schell, a member of the University of Hawaii - Manoa's Business School faculty, will present practical, focused instruction on the farm accounting that will be required for anyone who wishes to participate in the revenue insurance program. Ed is a popular and effective teacher with years of experience teaching accounting in CTAHR's on-campus AgriBusiness program. His accounting module for this workshop will be invaluable for all growers, whether or not they qualify for the insurance this year.

Bonnie Lind, the most active crop and revenue insurance agent in Hawaii, will take questions about signing up. She is well known in the state for her ability to provide useful, reliable and objective information on the various options for growers.

After the workshops but before the **March 15th sign-up deadline**, growers interested in purchasing the insurance for 2009 coverage, can call upon **Kent Fleming**, CTAHR Extension Economist, for additional one-on-one help in making revenue insurance planning decisions.

Pesticide Disposal Program

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) has issued a contract to EnviroServices and Training Center (ETC) to collect up to 200 pounds of unwanted pesticides from each participant. Registration for the event is underway with collections to be made on Oahu, Hawaii (East and West), Maui, Molokai, and Kauai. Registrations will be taken until January 31, 2009. ETC will then provide the HDOA with the locations where events will be held, and a list of the types and amounts of pesticides to be collected at each site so that the HDOA can complete an Environmental Assessment. Collection events are expected to begin in the Summer of 2009.

Interested parties must register with EnviroService and complete the registration form below otherwise you will be turned away at the collection site. Registration forms should be submitted directly to ETC. If you have any questions concerning this message, please contact Bob Boesch at the HDOA at 973-9404.

Pesticide Disposal Registration Form can be found here:

<http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/fac/publica.html>

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