EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY

Organic Farming: Is it For You?

Date: Thursday February 18, 2010.
Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Place: Mr. Oudom’s Farm, 56-664 Kam Hwy., Kahuku Ag Park, Oahu
Oudom’s cell phone is 284-3928

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture, the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and The Pacific Gateway Center invites you to attend an introduction to Organic Farming in Hawaii learn more about organic farming in Hawaii. Join us for a brief overview of basic production concepts and techniques as well as information on certification and marketing of organic products. In addition, there will be a short talk on food safety issues related to edible crop production systems.

Please RSVP, to Jari Sugano at 247-0421 x 107 or Pacific Gateway Center at 851-7010
Introduction to Worker Protection Safety and Pesticide Label Comprehension

Date: Monday, February 22, 2010
Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Place: Khamphoute Farms, Kunia

Agricultural operations that expose workers, employees, managers, etc to crop protection pesticides are required by law to comply with Worker Protection Standards (WPS). To minimize risks associated with pesticide exposure and usage, we will be holding several WPS workshops around Oahu in 2010 to protect the health and safety of workers and handlers on farms. The first workshop will be held at Khamphoute Farms in Kunia. Please bring yourself and farm employees to attend this important workshop conducted by Hawaii Department of Agriculture certified trainers.

Directions to Kamphoute Farm: Take H1 west towards Waianae/Waikele. Take the Kunia off ramp. Proceed up the road towards your left lane. You will pass Denny’s, Wendy, Times and Walmart. Keep driving up the road. Pass the traffic @ Royal Kunia. Pass a pond and water pump on your RIGHT, then proceed to turn RIGHT into the white gate. If you pass the Hawaii Country Club, you have gone too far. Once you get into the gate keep driving straight following the road until you see the farm warehouse.

Tackling Melon Fly Pests in a Simplified Manner

Two Dates and Locations:

Date: Monday, February 22, 2010
Time: 11:00 am till Noon
Place: Khamphoute Farms, Kunia (Directions above)

Date: Friday, February 26, 2010
Time: 3:00 pm- 4:00 pm
Place: Poamoho Research Station (Directions below)

This workshop is designed to remind growers about the simple 1,2,3 techniques for melon fly suppression. Brochures, handouts, and posters with color photographs which describe the different control strategies will be used in combination with field day activities. New cooperators with the fruit fly program will receive GF-120 protein bait and lures, limited supplies available.

DIRECTIONS TO POAMOHO STATION:
From Aiea Direction:
H2 turns into Wilikina Drive which will turn into Kaukonahua Road (stay to left). Follow Kaukonahua Road, you will see a chain link fence and signs that will lead you to the field day site.

From North Shore:
Take Kamehameha Highway / HI 83 towards Waialua. As you enter Haleiwa stay to the left and follow Joseph Leong Highway. At the top of the bridge, turn left onto Kamehameha Highway and follow the round about. Take the second exit on the round about towards Mokuleia. Follow that road until you see a blinking stop sign. Turn left and go up towards Kaukonahua Road. Follow this road until you see a chain link fence and signs that will lead you to the field day site.

Open to everyone without regard to race, age, sex, color or disability. Educational activities are accessible for individuals with disabilities. For information or to request an auxiliary aid or service (e.g., sign language interpreter, designated parking, or materials in alternate format), contact Jari Sugano @ 247-0421 x 107 seven days before the training, activity, or event.
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