



Hawai'i Farmers Union United 2016 State Convention Agenda



2016 Convention Site: OK Farms, Hilo, Hawai'i Island

A Sweet Cane Café Catered Convention featuring:
Carnivore & Vegetarian selections of locally produced food

Friday Sessions:

- 10:00am Registration opens (*bring what you grow for a fruit & vege contest cornucopia*)
11:30am-12:30pm Lunch Presentation from Congresswoman, **Tulsi Gabbard**, Rep. **Chris Lee**
1:00pm-5:00pm Presentations in multiple venues
- High Yield, Low Canopy Fruit Production: Open Tatura "V" Trellis System. Farmer **Peter Sallares** of Australia on what we see is the future of Hawaii fruit production (main tent)
 - Hemp Production: Growing and harvesting a successful hemp crop featuring leading mainland experts, **Ryan Loflin**, **Doug Fine** and **Michael Bowman** (main tent)
 - Cho Natural Farming and JADAM Natural Farming methods and demonstrations for animal & food production; **Kim Chang** & **Mike Duponte** (vendor/edu tent)
 - Aquaculture 101: **Glenn Martinez**, Olomana Farms
 - Agricultural Business Enterprise Plans; **David Fisher**, Maui Venture Capital (edu tent)
 - How to make a Bio-digester, Farmer **Doug Pittman** (edu tent)
 - Value Added Food Preserving with **Ken Love** (edu tent)
 - Zack Mermel Center for Food Safety – Protecting our Pollinators
 - Local Chef Presentations
- 6:00pm-7:00pm Dinner Presentations; HDOA Director, **Scott Enright**; **Jeff Melrose**, Baseline Land Use for Ag
7:00pm-10:00pm Live Contemporary and Traditional Hawaiian Music with **Lito**

Saturday Sessions:

- 8:00am Breakfast
9:15am Presentation by Natl. Farmers Union (NFU) President, **Roger Johnson**
9:30am Election of State President
9:45am-12:00pm Policy and By-law amendment and addendum session (**Roger Johnson**)
12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch; Presentations by **Senator Russell Ruderman** and **Senator Mike Gabbard**
2:00pm-5:00pm Continuing Education Breakout Sessions Reconvene
- Open Tatura "V" Trellis System on low canopy fruit production. **Peter Sallares** of Australia shares his vision of the future of fruit farming in Hawai'i. (**site visit: orchard tour**)
 - Soil Biology & Impacts on Soil Health; Western Regional Soil Biologist of USDA, **Jennifer Kucera, Ph.D.** (main tent)
 - Hemp Farming; panel discussions on medicinal use, regional seed prod. & fiber processing
 - Value Added Food Preserving with **Ken Love**
 - Cho Natural Farming and JADAM Natural Farming methods & demos (main tent)
 - Agricultural Business Enterprise Plans; **David Fisher**, Maui Venture Capital (edu tent)
 - Contracting with State Government: HDOA workshop, **Robyn Pfahl**
 - Soil Testing and Remediation; Agronomist **Bob Shaffer** Soil Culture, Inc.
 - Aquaponics 101: **Glenn Martinez**, Olomana Farms
 - How to make a Bio-digester, Farmer **Doug Pittman**
 - **Zack Mermal**, Center for Food Safety, Protecting our Pollinators
 - Local Chef Presentations
- 6:00pm-7:00pm Dinner, Special Guest Presentation
7:00pm-10:00pm Music by Paul Izak

Sunday Sessions:

- 8:00am Registration
9:00am-10:00am Breakfast
10:30am-12:30pm HFUU Chapter Presidents – Presentations on their regions & operations
1:00pm Lunch and Closing Remarks of the 2016 HFUU Convention

REGISTRATION: hfuuhi.org/events/2016-state-convention