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Growing Farm Resiliency
HFUU Convention 2018

Our 2018 convention, being hosted on Maui, is centered around presentations and demonstrations that provide knowledge and protocols for a healthy body and soil environment and growing our food supply with practical ways to assist the farmer. Our intention is to create a networking environment and learning experiences Farmers and 'aina stewards will learn how to lower outside inputs and raise the vitality of their land. Building a resilient farm follows specific needs and protocols. Rejuvenation of the soil is a key component in this process of building farm resiliency as the foundation of commercial production.

Our on-farm demonstrations include planting of "poly culture" cover crops (three or more varieties) and a visit to a commercial aquaponics operation. The cover crops will be rolled and crimped and provide a natural weed mat for the planting of dry land taro. This practice shows how soil building techniques like this can assist in transitioning farmers into more soil health practices. We will have several soil agronomist presentations on the keys to a healthy and balanced soil environment where plants will do their best.

We'll also explore the realm of raw milk and have the largest raw milk producer in the state of California present on the benefits both to the land and one's health. **From Grass to Glass:** Raising animals within a raw milk dairy and producing raw dairy products for the community.

We will have a number of food safety presentations to update current food safety trainings and protocols. We intend to hold food demonstrations with some of our outstanding island chefs, to show what can be done with our most diverse island production. For example; Demonstrations on pounding taro into Pa'i'ai and a presentation on growing Kalo!

Tentative Schedule:

Friday Oct 26th

10:30am-12:00pm: Registration and lunch
12:00pm-6:00pm: Presentations
1:00pm-3:00pm: Our 13 chapter presidents will showcase what is happening in their agricultural regions
3:00pm-3:30pm: Break
3:30pm-6:00pm: Concurrent Key-note and Chef presentations

Saturday Oct 27th

8:00am-11:00am: HFUU Treasurer Report Policy/By law Addendum (Break as needed)
11:15am-12:30pm: Keynote presentation
12:30pm-1:30pm: Lunch
2:00pm-3:00pm: Breakout presentations
3:30pm-6:30pm: Site visit to two Upcountry Farms - Cover Crop Demo & Commercial Aquaponics

Sunday Oct 28th

8:00am-9:00am Registration
9:00am Election of President
9:30am-12:30pm Final keynote presentations
12:30pm: 2018 HFUU convention is pau
1:00pm-3:00pm State Board Meeting

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