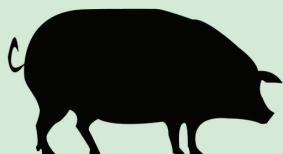


Hawai'i Farmers Union United East Hawai'i Chapter presents

FIRST ANNUAL
NATURAL FARMING SYMPOSIUM

UH Manoa Komohana Research
& Extension Center



Hilo, Hawai'i
October 1-3, 2015

Day 1: Hands-On IMO Input Making

Day 2: Presentations and Panels

Day 3: Island Farm Tours

October 1, 2015

Thursday

8:00am Registration and Breakfast

9:00am Pule and Welcome

9:30am Opening Speakers

Vincent Mina, HFUU State President and Owner/Founder of Kahanu 'Aina Greens

Derek Kurisu is executive vice president of KTA Superstores on Hawaii Island. Derek champions food sustainability in Hawaii, through innovative purchasing from local farmers and their "Buy Local, Eat Local" campaign.

10:30am Skill Share Break-out Sessions:

Indigenous Micro Organisms (IMO) and Korean Natural Farming (KNF) solution making

Dr. Hoon Park is a pediatrician who realized the benefit KNF practices could bring to the world and introduced it to Hawaii and still practices it and teaches it.

Jackie Prell teaches and practices KNF. She and her daughters own Sweet Cane Cafe, a farm-to-table cafe that sources local organic produce to utilize the island's bounty.

John Caverly has farmed on the Big Island for 40 years incorporating KNF farming practices into his organic practices 7 years ago.

Kim Chang is a master KNF practitioner, and shares her knowledge in classes for the community.

Drake Weinert has carried the torch of KNF at school and community projects and monthly meetings. He teaches KNF and gardening at Chiefess Kapiolani School.

Richard Perea raises figs, dragonfruit and more in Ocean View using KNF practices.

12:00pm Lunch: Locally-sourced by Sweet Cane Cafe and HeartBeet Catering

Presentation: Pesticides in Paradise by Dr. Ashley Lukens, Hawaii Center for Food Safety

1:30pm Skill Share: IMO and KNF solution making
A chance to attend a second round of skill shares.

3:00pm Seed and Soil Treatment with Drake Weinert
Combining all of the solutions learned during earlier skill share sessions, Drake will talk about the primary application of Korean Natural Farming solutions; specifically in regards to weekly maintenance solutions, seed preparation and soil foundation.

4:30pm Pau

October 2, 2015

Friday

8:00am Breakfast, Coffee/Tea and Networking

8:30am Pule and Welcome

8:45am Scott Enright, Chairperson, Hawaii State Department of Agriculture

9:30am Jeff Melrose, Mapping Hawaii's Agricultural Footprint

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10:30am Panel Discussions

Young Farmers - These young farmers will share the unique challenges they've faced and how their farms have evolved to become models for others, as they steward our island into the future. *Derrick Kiyabu, Kyle Studer, Dashell Kuhr, Steve Sakala and Elizabeth Mallion*

Cultural Connections - Growing food was an important and integral part of Hawaiian culture and supported a large population. This panel will touch on some of the ways that these practices are being revitalized. *Keahi Tajon, Alike Atay, Gene Tamashiro, Chris Chang and Gregorson Rider*

School Programs - Schools across the state are engaging students in hands-on, meaningful learning through school gardens, teaching various subjects while connecting students with the 'aina and providing fresh food for school lunches. *Donna Mitts, Kealii Akina, Kalu Oyama, Drake Weinert, Robert Kobayashi and Rick Fontaine*

12:00pm Lunch: Locally-sourced by Sweet Cane Cafe and HeartBeet Catering

Presentation: Farm Funding with Adam Reed, Sally Bedeweg and Kori Hasashima, National Resources Conservation Services

1:30pm Panel Discussions

No-smell, no-fly, zero-run-off Piggeries

Demand for high-quality pork has risen, along with feed and shipping prices. These farmers will share with you their KNF practices raising pigs, cleanly and ethically.

Steve Sakala, Mike Duponte, Mike Hubbell, Atto Assi and Neena Roumell

Life in the Soil - Keeping soil healthy and productive is paramount to the survival of farms, mankind and the planet. Learn how to steward this vital, living substance, using cutting edge techniques and age-old practices.

Zach Mermel, Patrick Niemeyer, Josiah Hunt, Jana Bogs, James Rushing, Laila Jayyousi and Ted Radovich

Abuzz about Bees - Hawaii's bees are struggling, yet we depend upon them to pollinate much of our food. Learn what experts are doing across the state to help bee populations flourish. *Lehua Wall, Danielle Downey, Jenny Bach and Jen Rasmussen*

3:00pm Panel Discussions

Raising Chickens the KNF Way - Raising healthy, organic chickens is possible and the best alternative to factory-farmed chickens. These experienced panelists will share their knowledge. *Michael Duponte, Carol Hubbell, Julius Ludovico, Keika Welch and Emily Taaroa*

Innovative Projects - Every farmer learns innovation through fluctuating weather, markets and trends. Listen to how these farmers meet market needs and help their community through their practices. *Dr. Steiner, Bob Shaffer, Paul Tower, Vincent Mina, Ray Maki, David Fuertes and Dave Sansone*

Large Scale Agriculture - These farmers have embraced KNF practices and will share how they've tailored them to their needs and benefited from them. *Kyle Studer, David Wong, Chris Trump, Richard Perea and Mark Kinoshita*

4:30pm Closing Presentation and Remarks from Dr. Koon Hui

5:00pm Pau

October 3, 2015

Saturday

7:30am Meet at Komohana, Light Breakfast, Coffee

8:00am Departure for Farm Tours

Punachicks - Punachicks Farm is committed to raising the highest quality pastured poultry possible. They began their farm in May 2013 with the mission to provide a consistent supply of good clean chicken to the Big Island.

www.punachicksfarm.com

Māla at Kamehameha Schools - A one acre organic livestock and vegetable farm grown by and for students, providing an outdoor living classroom, making learning relevant to Hawaiian culture, self-sustainability and food security using STEM. The farm is a model for farming without chemicals and restoring the 'aina.

Atto and Neena's Piggery - Visit a state of the art piggery that has no offensive odors, no flies, and zero run-off. They are deeply committed to protecting the water table and the land and to producing good healthy food.

Jeno Enocencio's Diversified Agriculture Farm

This unique farm will leave you inspired. Jeno uses his farm for mentoring and teaching life skills to Hawaii youth, through hands-on learning opportunities, while maintaining a healthy diversified farm.

Kalaniana'ole School Garden with Drake

World class learning center, tended by 8 year veteran Natural Farmer Drake, to educate keiki in holistic gardening practices. www.uluae.com

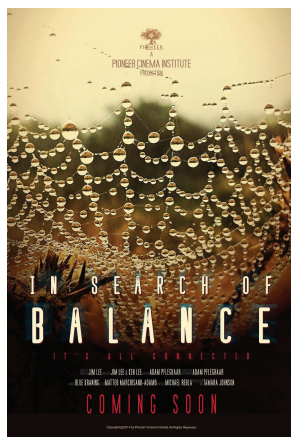
Onomea Farm - Owned and operated by long time farmers Ginger John and Jackie Prell, one of the original practitioners of Korean Natural Farming in Hawaii. KNF revived their severely depleted soil, turning their 20-acre property into a thriving farm.



12:00pm Return to Hilo - Lunch on your own

5:00pm Networking Cocktail Hour
at the Wainaku Executive Center overlooking Hilo Bay
Russell Ruderman, Hawaii State Senator

6:00pm Premiere screening of
In Search of Balance,
a documentary highlighting
the health benefits of IMO's
and Natural Farming.



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