



Special Message from
Governor David Y. Ige
In Recognition of the
**2022 Hawai'i Agricultural
Conference**

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It is my pleasure to convey my warmest aloha to the participants and attendees of the 2022 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference. Historically, agriculture has been at the heart and soul of Hawai'i and has always shaped our commerce, social fabric and lifestyle. While economic factors have changed the landscape of Hawai'i's agriculture over the centuries, the pandemic has dramatically increased the challenges we face. It has never been more apparent that we must do more to ensure local agriculture is able to thrive.

Our goal to increase and enhance Hawai'i's food security requires forethought and collaboration between all sectors of agriculture, including farmers, growers, ranchers, as well as industry and government leaders. Forums like the 2022 Hawai'i Agricultural Conference play a key role in fostering these critical partnerships, as exemplified in this year's conference theme, "Collaborative Leaders as Ag-agents of Change."

We are mindful that for many agricultural producers, time away from your daily operations is difficult to schedule, especially for those who must travel far. So, as you begin this year's conference, please know that your contributions of experience, knowledge, wisdom and leadership are truly appreciated and will lay new ground toward reinvigorating and strengthening our agricultural sectors.

Mahalo and best wishes for a dynamic and productive program.

With warmest regards,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i