



HAWAI'I AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE AG2019

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Speakers and Topics Finalized for Hawai'i Agriculture Conference, October 15-16

- Two-Day Conference Focuses on AGdaptation: Hawai'i's Growing Opportunity -

HONOLULU – More than 500 participants are expected to come together for the Hawai'i Agriculture Conference (AG2019), the premier all-agriculture conference in the state. This year's program has been set to include an array of dynamic speakers and relevant topics impacting agriculture in Hawai'i. Hosted by the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i (ALFH), AG2019 will take place at the Hawai'i Convention Center from October 15-16, 2019.

Registration is open and available online at www.hiagconference.org. Early bird registration is still available for \$300 through August 31, and then increases to \$350.

"Our team has been working hard to ensure attendees receive two days of engaging content and education with opportunities to network, collaborate, and get inspired," said Taylor Kellerman, president, Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i. "We encourage anyone with an interest in agriculture to attend this conference. Hawai'i agriculture cannot succeed without engaged stakeholders and committed advocates."

Keynote speakers at AG2019 include:

- **Jamie Tuuta**, Chair, New Zealand Tourism Board (Urenui, Taranaki, New Zealand)
- **Ed McMahon**, Senior Resident Fellow, Urban Land Institute (Maryland, U.S.A.)
- **Michelle Galimba**, Cattle Rancher (Ka'u, Hawai'i)

A robust schedule of over 30 breakout sessions will cover a diverse and engaging spectrum of issues. Topics at AG2019 will range from moving towards clean energy, to strategies for women farmers, to getting proactive against theft, vandalism and trespassing, and much more. There will also be a student program focused on sessions that help the next generation to learn, develop and advocate for agriculture.

Returning features to the conference are:

- **Grower Buyer Meetup** – This unique “speed-dating” business exchange connects growers and buyers via facilitated 10-minute meetings. Growers stationed at tables share product lists, photos, certifications, and samples with buyers, who move from table to table and share their requirements for volume, insurance, delivery terms, and specific product needs.
- **AGxChange** – Learn about innovative practices, discover resources that can help grow business and connect with others who believe agriculture is an important part of Hawai‘i’s future. Businesses, government agencies and nonprofit organizations will all be represented at the AGxChange—offering up exhibits, poster presentations and café-like seating areas, with free wi-fi, food and beverages.

Special room rates from \$169 - \$177 are available to AG2019 attendees at Ala Moana Hotel.

The Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai‘i, with support from the Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture, presents AG2019 along with sponsors Ulupono Initiative, Kamehameha Schools, Corteva Agriscience, Bayer and over 50 organizations committed to making local agriculture thrive.

For more information on the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai‘i, visit <http://agleaderhi.org>. To view the complete AG2019 schedule or to register for the conference, visit <http://hiagconference.org>.

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About Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai‘i (ALFH)

The ALFH was founded in 1982 in response to the major shift in Hawai‘i away from plantation agriculture. ALFH’s mission is to provide leadership development opportunities for people committed to strengthening agriculture in Hawai‘i. ALFH also creates programs such as the Hawai‘i Agricultural Conference that invest in Hawai‘i’s future agriculture sector.

On the Web:

Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawaii: <http://agleaderhi.org>

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