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2010 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference: Celebrating Change The Farmers Hook Up with Speed Dating!

HONOLULU - The Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i reminds readers the dates for the 2010 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference are September 23, 24 & 25 2010. This two-day event and post conference farm tour will occur at the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa at Ko'Olina on O'ahu. These sessions have been developed to serve the diverse needs of the audience – agriculture producers and business and government and nonprofit support entities from across the state. Back by popular demand we feature these sessions:

Farmer-to-Farmer Speed Dating – Featuring Hawaii's Most Eligible, err, Innovative Farmers

The purpose of these sessions are to allow time for farmers to share with each other in an intimate setting, tables of 8, specifics of their experience as it pertains to innovative farming practices. "Daters" have 10 minutes to visit each table before moving on to the next farmer and topic. A few of the featured topics this year include:

- Adding Value to your Off-Grade Products with Wayne Iwaoka from the Kulani Program at UH CTAHR and Paul Uyehara with Aloha Tofu
- Biodiesel on Your Farm with Tracey Cheyne at Wefarm@kapalua
- Green Ag & Ham: Composting with Pigs featuring Valerie Kaneshiro at M & H Kaneshiro Farms
- Increasing Productivity with Biochar presented by Josiah Hunt at Landscape Ecology
- Integrating Agroforestry and Silviculture into your Long Term Farming Plan with Jill Wagner of Future Forests Nursery

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There will also be an agency or organization to farmer session. This session will allow membership organizations to recruit new members and agencies to share resources available. The participants in this dating include:

- College of Tropical Agriculture, University of Hawaii with Charly Kinoshita
- Hawaii Ag Tourism Association with Lani Wiegert
- Hawaii Department of Agriculture with Matthew Loke
- Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation with Luella Costeles
- Hawaii Farmers Union with Lydi Morgan –Bernal and Eden Peart
- Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association with Eric Tanouye
- Kokua Hawai'i Foundation with Dexter Kishida
- US Department of Defense with Steve Lindenberg
- USDA-Farm Service Agency
- USDA-Natural Resources and Conservation Services with Lawrence Yamamoto
- USDA Risk Management Kent Lanclos
- USDA-Rural Development with Timothy O'Connell

The 2010 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference: Celebrating Change is presented by the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i. The conference planning committee members, comprised of Agricultural Leadership Program alumni, are working closely with Hawai'i Department of the Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture (Farm Services Agency, Rural Development and Natural Resources Conservation Services), University of Hawai'i-College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Hawai'i Agritourism Association, University of Hawai'i Social Science Research Institute, Hawai'i Rural Development Council, Kanu Hawaii, Kokua Hawai'i Foundation and Armstrong Produce. For up to date information about the speakers, concurrent sessions, equipment and tradeshow, special luncheons and receptions please visit the conference website: www.hawaiiagconference.org

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