

Bioenergy Master Plan: A conversation with Hawaii's Agriculture Sector

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3rd Floor, Room 308 A&B
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Bioenergy offers both great opportunities and great challenges. Bioenergy resources could help Hawaii to meet the renewable energy requirements contained in State statute, support and stimulate the agricultural sector, increase in-state energy supplies, and keep more of Hawaii's energy dollars circulating in Hawaii's economy. Successful implementation will depend upon developing synergies between bioenergy production and that of food, feed, fiber. The importance and complexity of this topic spurred the Hawaii Legislature to mandate the development of a Hawaii Bioenergy Master Plan (Act 253, 2007). This plan requires input from stake holders along the bioenergy production and utilization chain of which the agricultural community (landowners, farmers, and the agricultural business sector) is an important link. Today's workshop will feature presentations and conversations that address the potential relationship between bioenergy development and Hawaii's agriculture sector.

Schedule of Events

8:00 am	Registration Continental Breakfast (included with registration fee)
8:30 am	Welcoming Remarks Hawaii Department of Agriculture Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
9:00	Hawaii Bioenergy Overview Maria Tome, DBEDT, Hawaii Bioenergy Master Plan Scott Turn, HNEI/UH, Bioenergy Systems Overview
9:30	Bioenergy Crop Production Bill Cowern, Hawaiian Mahogany, Oil Palm (confirmed) Robert Osgood, HARC, Banagrass (confirmed) Michael Poteet, HARC, Jatropha (confirmed) James Brewbaker, UH, Tree Crops (invited) TBA, Guinea grass
10:45	Group Discussion
12:00	Lunch (included with registration fee) Room 312
1:00	Bioenergy Markets Hawaiian Electric Company (confirmed) Hawaii BioEnergy LLC (confirmed) Pacific Biodiesel (confirmed) Chevron Hawaii (tba)
2:00	Group Discussion
3:00	BioEnergy Incentives Tim O'Connell, USDA/Rural Development, (confirmed)
3:30	Concluding Discussion