

# Dayton Gomes

## Livestock & Orchard Farming

Olinda, Maui

### WHO WE ARE/Mission

Raises cattle and sheep and produces orchard crops.

### WHY WE FARM

- 5th generation on Maui
- Loves the land and what it has to offer.
- We've always had a small family farm. I grew up farming and it never seemed like work to me.
- My grandma told me about making her own food and helped to inspire me.
- Believes people are disconnected from making their food or knowing where their food comes from.
- There's a lot of opportunity in agriculture.
- Enjoys farming and working in the land

### OUR FARM FUTURE

- Providing a legacy for my three sons
- Continue producing food and getting it out the community
- Obtaining additional land for farming
- Expanding my cattle operation and adding Wagyu cattle

### WHY GOFARM HAWAII

- It has allowed me to broaden and expand my knowledge of farming
- Making connections and networking
- It has increased my awareness of available resources and opened my eyes towards additional markets for my products.
- It has provided me with additional training and general knowledge.



### WORD TO THE WISE

- "Use common sense"
- "Know your end game...what you're going to grow, the process of growing and marketing it, where you're going to distribute it"
- "You can have gold, but if you don't know where to take it and who's going to take it, you're going to be stuck with it."

### WHAT WE GROW & OFFER

- Avocados
- Bananas
- Persimmons
- Peaches
- Cattle
- Sheep
- Sells 4-5 cows a year at \$5.50/lb.
- 15,000 lbs. of avocados, 75-100 trees and about a dozen varieties



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*GFH Site: Maui GFH Level: AgPro Cohort:2 Status: Full time Farmer Acreage: 30 acres*