

# Hawai'i Veteran Farmer Resource Guide

Navigating the resources available to veterans can be a bit daunting... we're here to help!

Below is a list of resources for veterans and their families. You can also schedule a time to talk story with one of our team members to navigate local, state and federal programs.

Contact [grow@hoolafoods.org](mailto:grow@hoolafoods.org) to schedule your talk story today.



## **Local Non-Profit Resources**

- The Kohala Center: [www.KohalaCenter.org](http://www.KohalaCenter.org)
- GoFarm Hawaii: [www.GoFarmHawaii.org](http://www.GoFarmHawaii.org)

## **State of Hawaii: Dept. of Agriculture**

New Agriculture Initiatives

- [Compost Reimbursement Program – June 2019](#)
- [Organic Foods Production Tax Credit Information](#)
- [2017-2027 Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan – January 2017](#)
- [Statewide Pesticides Initiatives – December 2016](#)
- [Joint Fact Finding Report: Pesticide Use by Large Agribusinesses on Kaua'i – May 2016](#)
- [Kauai Good Neighbor Program Database](#)
- [Statewide Agricultural Land Use Baseline 2015 report \(February 2016\)](#)
- [Boosting Hawaii's Ability to Grow Animal Feedstock](#)
- [Addressing the Workforce Needs of Hawaii Agriculture](#)
  - [Important Agricultural Land \(IAL\) Information](#)



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## WHAT'S NEW IN AGRICULTURE

- [Ag Calendar of Events](#)
- [Seal of Quality Program](#)
- [Buy Local, It Matters Program](#)
- [Made in Hawaii with Aloha Branding Program](#)

## AGRICULTURE IN HAWAII

- [History of Agriculture in Hawaii](#)
- [How Important is Hawaii's Agriculture Today?](#)
- [Possible Careers in Agriculture and Related Fields](#)
- [Federal Statistics on Hawaii's Agriculture](#)
- [Agriculture Law \(updates from the U.S. Congress and others\)](#)

## FARMER EDUCATION

- [GoFarm Hawaii](#)
- [Hawaii Agribusiness Guidebook](#)
- [UH-CTAHR Farm Food Safety Website \(Good Agricultural Practices\)](#)
- [UH-Hilo Tropical Farming Certificate Program](#)
- [Leeward Community College – Agriculture](#)
- [Pacific Gateway Center – Successful Beginning Farmer Classes](#)
- [University of Hawaii – College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources](#)
- [Kohala Center – Beginning Farmer/Rancher Development Program](#)
- [Hawaii Agricultural Foundation – Non-profit promoting agriculture & farming](#)



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## HAWAII SCHOOL GARDENS/AG EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- [Agricultural Education Programs and Resources](#)

## AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- [Hawaii Agricultural Mediation Program \(HIAMP\)](#)
- [Oil Spill Prevention Information for farmers\(EPA\)](#)
- [Plant Pest Control: New Pest Advisories](#)



## GARDENERS, HOMEOWNERS AND PET OWNERS

- [Gardens and Gardening – Links and Resources](#)
- [Grower's/Farmer's Produce and Flower Markets in Hawaii](#)
- [Pests in Hawaii\(CTAHR's KnowledgeMaster\)](#)
- [Bringing Your Dog or Cat to Hawaii\(Animal Quarantine\)](#)
- [Bringing Food Products to Hawaii](#)



## AGRI-BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

- [Agricultural business listing services](#)
- [Business Development Assistance](#)
- [Farm Safety](#)
- [Food Safety – on farm](#)
- [Government Agencies / Regulations / Advice](#)
- [Land / Water / Labor – Links and Resources](#)
- [Statistics-Production](#)



## COUNTY AGENCIES

- [City & County of Honolulu – Community Development Block Grant Program – Dept. of Budget & Fiscal Services](#)
- [County of Maui, Office of the Mayor – Economic Development Program](#)
- [County of Hawaii \(Big Island\) – Dept. of Research & Development](#)



## STATE AGENCIES

- Hawaii Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Loan Division
- Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)– Primarily serves the Native Hawaiian community.

## SELECTED FEDERAL AGENCIES FUNDING SOURCES

- USDA – Farm Service Agency – Hawaii & Pacific Basin

The Farm Service Agency runs a multi-faceted program that comprises farm credit programs and natural disaster related programs, the latter subject to the US President or the Secretary of Agriculture designations.

- National Forest Foundation Grant Program
- USDA Rural Development
- USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service Grant – Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education



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## Working with Government Agencies

- [Government Resources Guide for Farmer Veterans](#)  
(60 pages of excellent resources)
- USDA Service Center Locator Webpage:  
<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>
- RD State Office Contact List:
- <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>
- Navigating USDA Programs
- Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Compass and Map:  
[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=KYF\\_COMPASS](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=KYF_COMPASS)

## Dept. of Agriculture : Veterans Benefits

- [VAPG Application Guide](#)

## USDA Farm Service Agency

- [Farm Service Agency](#)

## Department of Veterans Affairs

### VA Home Loans

- [Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [VA Home Loans](#)

### GI Bill

- [GI Bill and Other Education Benefits](#)
- [GI Bill Online Application](#)

### Vocational Rehab

- [Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment](#)
- [Register for VR&E Benefits](#)



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## Small Business Administration Veterans Business Outreach Centers

- [Small Business Administration](#)
- [Veterans Business Outreach Centers](#)
- [Business Planning](#)
- [Boots2Business](#)
- [Military Reservist Economic Injury Loans](#)
- [Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship](#)

[Contact info for VBOC](#)



## Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeships

- [Department of Labor](#)
- [Registered Apprenticeships](#)
- [Find Apprenticeship Programs by State and County](#)
- [Directory of State Approving Agencies](#)
- [State Department of Labor Contacts for Assistance](#)



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## Farm Service Agency

### FSA - Loan Programs

- Loan Programs
- Farm Operating and Microloans
- Farm Ownership Loans
- Emergency Farm Loans
- Guaranteed Farm Loans
- Youth Loans
- Farm Storage Facility Loans



### FSA - Production Programs

- Dairy Margin Protection Program
- ARC/PLC



### FSA - Disaster Programs

- Disaster Assistance Programs
- Livestock Forage Program
- Livestock Indemnity Program
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish
- Tree Assistance Program



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