

GoFarm Hawai'i gets funding and two new locations

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The GoFarm Hawai'i beginning farmer training program, a collaboration between UH's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Windward Community College, and UH's Agribusiness Incubator Program, received over \$250,000 in funding from the Ulupono Fund at the Hawaii Community Foundation and Kamehameha Schools. GoFarm Hawai'i is aligned with the Ulupono Initiative's support of increased local food production and Kamehameha School's 2009 Strategic Agricultural Plan Goal 4: Growing Hawaiian Farmers Initiative. The funding will allow GoFarm Hawai'i to purchase equipment, facilities, and support operations.



GoFarm Hawai'i is currently supported by significant in-kind contributions from the collaborators as well as grants from the U.S. Department of Labor and indirectly through a grant to the Agribusiness Incubator Program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture Division.

The program, started in 2012, recently graduated its first cohort of students and is halfway to graduating its second cohort. A third cohort kicks off with the AgCurious seminar to be held

at Windward Community College on March 3rd. New GoFarm Hawai'i sites at Kaua'i Community College and Leeward Community College launch this spring, expanding GoFarm Hawai'i's reach and impact on developing new farmers for Hawai'i.

For more details and dates, see <http://www.gofarmhawaii.org/programs.html>

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