Online Resources

Transition to Organic Partnership Program and University of Hawai'i Organic Transition

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Hānai'Ai

Quarterly Newsletter

- Providing science-based information to serve Hawai'i's farming community.
- 1300+ subscribers
- 49% Home gardeners, 51% Farmers
- Newest research from extension and research faculty
- Feature Farmer, Highlighting their operation
- Upcoming events
- Grants
- Info for new farmers
- Submit an article or your next event

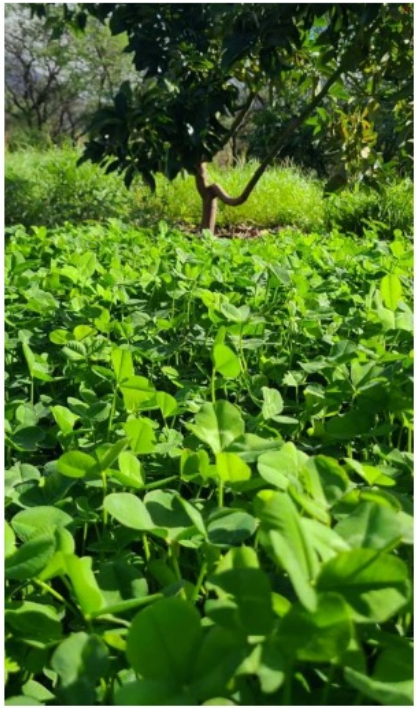
Garden with the Master Gardener

Little Fire Ant on O'ahu - Not in my neighborhood!

Prepared by Claris Olson, Master Gardener Class of 2023,
Tina Lau, O'ahu Master Gardener Coordinator

How many times have we looked at a weed patch gone out of control or an invasive tree that has grown to 30 feet or more and we say to ourselves, "If only had done something when …" Well, we are at that moment on O'ahu with Little Fire Ants (LFA). However, the stakes are much higher and this pest problem will not be as easy to solve. Anyone who knows the painful sting of LFA understands that an infestation could fundamentally change how we and our families spend our time outdoors. LFA stings have caused blindness in animals when stung repeatedly in the eye and can cause anaphylactic shock in allergic individuals. According to the IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group, LFA is on a list of the world's 100 worst invasive species.

Read full article here
FMI: Tina Lau



Akamai Cover Crop Mix (White clover, buckwheat, black oat): Does it benefit soil health?

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The advantage of introducing the perennial legume white clover (Trifolium repens) lies in its remarkable adaptability to diverse soil types and pH levels, although it thrives with sufficient soil moisture. Once established, its robust stolon and root system make it highly effective for erosion control and weed suppression, while its periodic mowing can reduce the need for nitrogen fertilizer due to its efficient nitrogen-fixing capability. Specifically, the 'New Zealand' white clover variety demonstrates superior heat and drought tolerance, well-suited for locations troubled by slugs and snails. Despite initial reports suggesting its preference for higher elevations in Hawaii, it has successfully established at lower elevations without Rhizobium inoculum, as long as irrigation is

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S.O.A.P. Website

cms.ctahr.Hawaii.edu/soap/

- Programs (SOFT & Waimanalo Learning Center)
- Events calendar
- Resources (cover crop database, grower's toolbox, OMRI, Organic Certification, CTAHR programs etc.)
- Hānai'Ai archive

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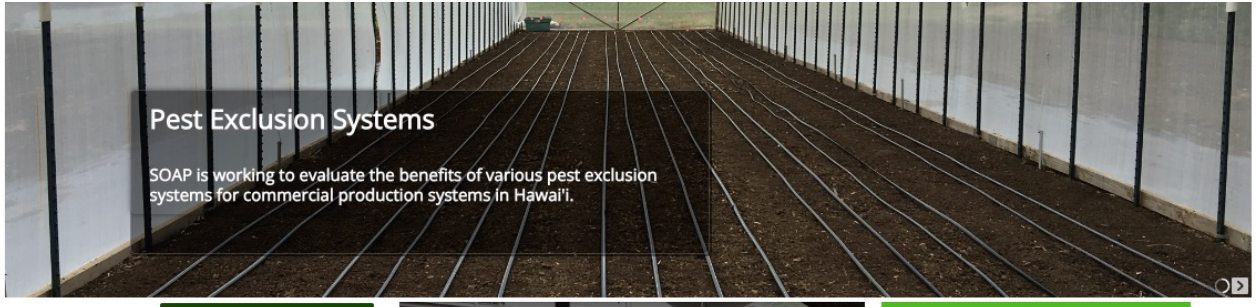
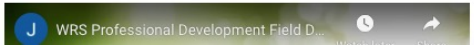


- Hanai Ai Newsletter
- Waimanalo Learning Center
- Student Organic Farm Training
- Contact SOAP Members
- About SOAP
- Resources
- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Organic Transition Program



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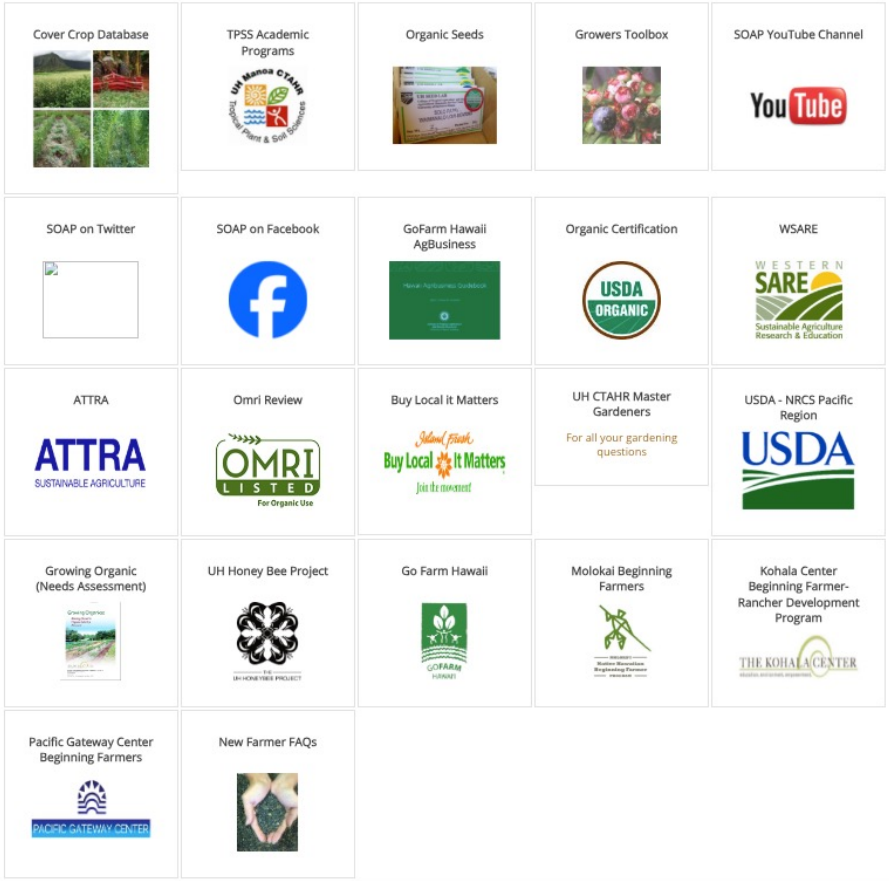

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Organic Transitions Website

www.uhot.org

- Intro to Transition Organic Partnership Program (TOPP), 5yr collaborative partnership;
- Six regions across the U.S.
- CCOF is the regional lead with Hawai'I, HFUU & Ma'o Farms
- Technical resource for non-organic and organic producers
- Workshops and 1-1

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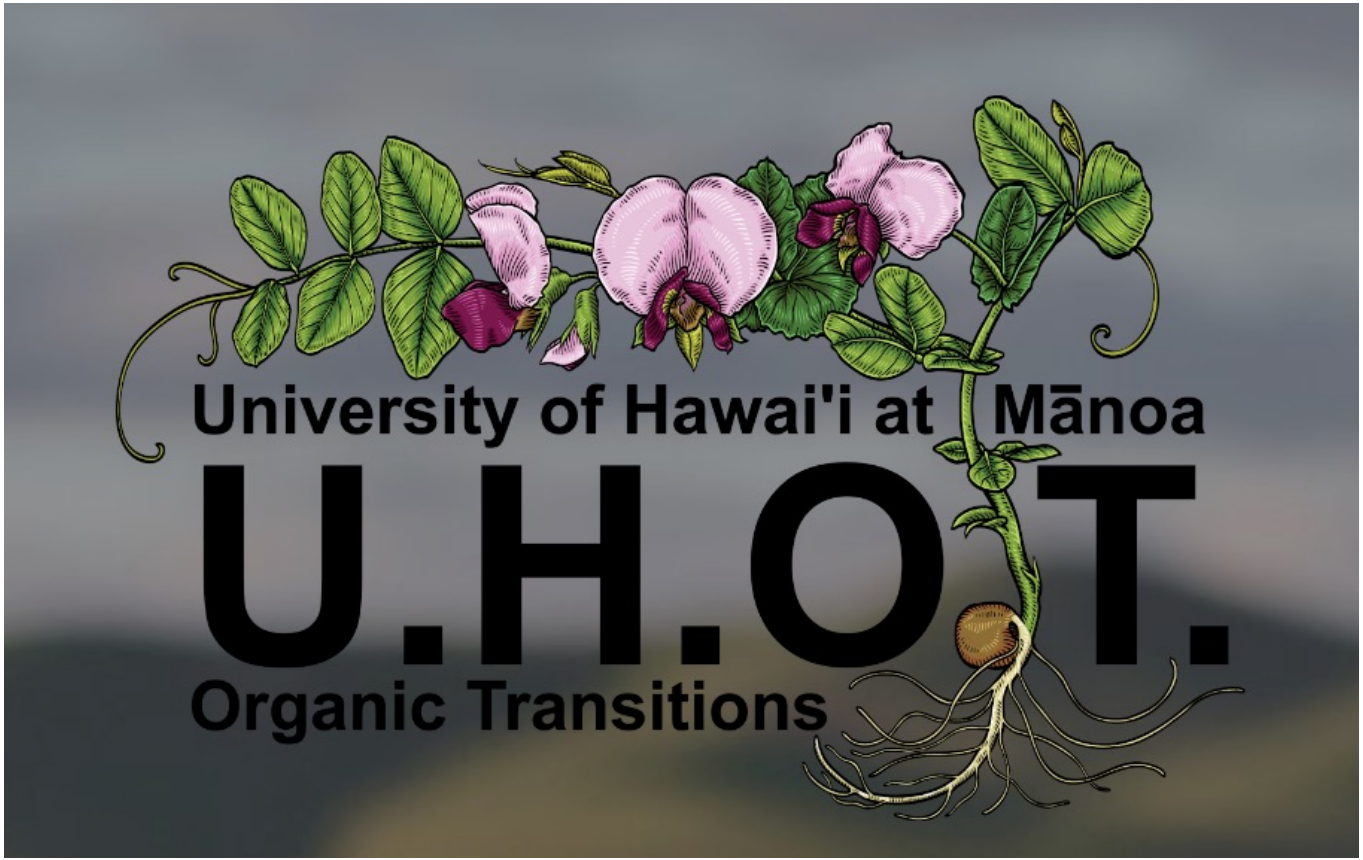

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Blog & Podcast

Beginning Stages

- **Podcast** discussion of producers experience certified organic or not certified farmers
- Pain points
- Highlights etc.

- **Blog** showcase articles relevant to organic topics
- Why organic?
- Soil health, local fertilizers, equipment, certification etc.

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