

Keaukaha Pana`ewa Farmers Association Ag Skills Series



Increase your skills with Hawai`i Community College OCET's Ag Skills Series of classes. You will learn from experts and experienced instructors. Enrollment is limited. Sign up early!

Classes will be held in various locations.

Tuition is \$25. Tuition fees will be waived for all DHHL leasees.

Date	Time	Instructor	Course	Code
Oct 5	9:00a-1:00p	Mermel	Integrated Farm Design	134R001
Oct 8	5:00p-9:00p	Rushing	Natural Farming, Introduction	134R002
Oct 19	9:00a-1:00p	Rushing	Natural Farming, Amendment Production	134R003
Oct 19	2:00p-6:00p	Rushing	Natural Farming, Amendment Application	134R004
Oct 22	5:00p-9:00p	Chiang	Cost of Production & Cash Flow Projection	134R005
Oct 26	9:00a-1:00p	Mermel	Composting	134R006
Oct 26	2:00p-6:00p	Mermel	Organic Certification	134R007
Nov 2	9:00a-1:00p	DuPonte	Livestock, Natural Farming Swine Production	134R008
Nov 5	5:00p-9:00p	Staff	Accessing Resources	134R009
Nov 9	9:00a-1:00p	Mermel	Plant Propagation	134R010
Nov 16	9:00a-1:00p	DuPonte	Livestock, Natural Farming Chicken Production	134R011
TBD	TBD	Arancon	Sustainable Weed Control	134R012

Course descriptions are on the back side of this flyer.

To register:

1. Call us with your MasterCard or Visa #, 934-2700
2. Come into our office at 1175 Manono St., Hilo, Bldg. 379A, Rm. 3; 8a-4p M-F
3. Use the fillable form on our website www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/ocet, print and fax to 934-2701 or mail to 200 W. Kawili St., Hilo HI 96720

Refund Policy: You are entitled to a full refund for complete withdrawal if made 5 business days prior to the first day of instruction. Thereafter refunds will not be allowed.

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Oct 5: Integrated Farm Design

Your farm or garden is a complete system. In this class you will be introduced to concepts and practices to that will help you properly design your farm to meet your needs. Get the knowledge you need to create a healthier, more productive farm.

Oct 8: Natural Farming, Introduction

Have you heard of Hawaiian natural farming but want to know more? You will be introduced to the basic concepts and techniques used in natural farming. You will learn how to use natural inputs and practices that support the growth of beneficial microorganisms in your soil. Curious newcomers and seasoned farmers who want an introduction are all welcome.

Oct 19: Natural Farming, Amendment Production

Create your own Hawaiian Natural Farming Amendments. This workshop will show you how to find raw materials and how to use these materials to make Hawaiian Natural Farming Amendments such as IMO4, Fermented Plant Juice, Fish Amino Acids, and Lactic Acid Bacteria.

Oct 19: Natural Farming, Amendment Application

Grow your natural farming knowledge. Application of natural farming amendments is a learned skill. Take the next step in using Hawaiian natural farming amendments on your farm. You will learn when and how to apply the inputs you create.

Oct 22: Cost of Production & Cash Flow Projection

Know your business. Your cost of production is key to getting the right price for your products. Come to this 4 hour class and learn why cost of production and cash flow are so important, how to calculate them, and the ways in which you can use them to improve your business.

Oct 26: Composting

Turn your garbage into gold! Food scraps and yard clippings can be made into beneficial fertilizer for your garden or farm. This workshop will teach you how to begin composting and the many benefits composting brings to your soil and island.

Oct 26: Organic Certification

Organic agriculture is still growing. If you are considering “going organic” on your farm do not miss this class. The instructor is a former Organic Crop Inspector. Sign up today and learn about the USDA regulated organic certification process.

Nov 2: Livestock, Natural Farming Swine Production

Natural farming balances soil, plants and livestock in a whole-system. Natural farming swine production can provide the benefits of lower feed costs, eliminating odors and preventing toxic run off. Small scale production is even possible on residential sized lots. Register now to learn from Hawaii Island’s resident expert.

Nov 5: Accessing Resources

Running a farm isn’t always easy. But you can find help. Multiple agencies exist to help new and existing farmers. Come to meet and learn about the Farm Service Agency, NCRS and other resources for Hawai`i farmers.

Nov 9: Plant Propagation

Increase your plantings at lower cost. In plant propagation you use various techniques multiply your plantings. Learn the tools and processes such as layering and cuttings, that you can use to produce many plants.

Nov 16: Livestock, Natural Farming Chicken Production

Natural farming microorganisms have their place in all parts of the farm. By using the amendments you make yourself you can maintain a healthy low-odor chicken house. If you are a new or experienced chicken owner you don’t want to miss this class. This is a hands-on experience where you will actively plan and build a natural farming chicken coup.

TBD: Sustainable Weed Control

Weeds! They are the farm pest that you will spend the most time getting rid of. You will learn farm practices to help minimize the impact of weeds on your crops and time. Farm design, cropping plans, and herbicides can all help you be more successful.