

Master Farmer Workshop- Sustainable Farming
June 21st, 2012

Thank you for attending this Master Farmer workshop. Please take a few minutes before you leave to fill out this evaluation form and help us make future workshops more effective. Thank you!

If you prefer you can mail Completed Surveys to: Oahu R C & D, PO Box 209, Kunia, HI 96759

34 completed forms received. Responses recorded in red.

1. In general, the information presented at the workshop was valuable and useful to me.
☐ Strongly Agree (29) ☐ Agree (5) ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
3. The information presented increased my understanding of Sustainable Farming techniques.
☐ Strongly Agree (29) ☐ Agree (5) ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
5. I can see ways that I will apply what I learned in my own life.
☐ Strongly Agree (29) ☐ Agree (5) ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
6. I would recommend this workshop to others.
☐ Strongly Agree (31) ☐ Agree (3) ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

With regards to specific topics, please rate the usefulness of the information provided.

1. Conservation Planning (Ben Vinhateiro)
☐ Highly Useful ☐ Somewhat Useful ☐ Somewhat less than useful ☐ Not Useful ☐ N/A
(24) (10)
2. Farmer Perspective/Farm Tour (Paul/Charlie Reppun)
☐ Highly Useful ☐ Somewhat Useful ☐ Somewhat less than useful ☐ Not Useful ☐ N/A
(34)
3. CTAHR's Sustainable Agriculture Program (Hector Valenzuela)
☐ Highly Useful ☐ Somewhat Useful ☐ Somewhat less than useful ☐ Not Useful ☐ N/A
(26) (8)
4. Lunch Program: Farm to Table Dining (Mark Noguchi)
☐ Highly Useful ☐ Somewhat Useful ☐ Somewhat less than useful ☐ Not Useful ☐ N/A
N/A – Mark Noguchi unable to attend

Comments:

What did you like most about this workshop?

The knowledge of visiting the Reppun Farm

Everything

Inspiring / practical information

Access to resources like UH and NRCS

The farm

I liked the location and diverse crops

On site tour and examples of conservation practices

Learning about different plants and crops

Direct interaction with Paul and Charlie

Seeing what can be done. I'm amazed at all the possibilities

The Reppuns open sharing ways and explanations

The tour of the farm, talking story with the Reppuns

Getting the perspective of real working farmers, and taking a peek into how they've been able to work and survive in today's environment

It was very comfortable and everywhere we went, there were lots of information and suggestions that were shared. I liked having the tour around the farm
See the farming methods used here on the farm
Farm tour was excellent! Mahalo nui to the Reppuns for the tour and Oahu RC&D for organizing it.
Tour of farm and explanation of farm arrangement
The farm tour – the farmers talking about crops and how they grow them – seeing actual plants
Having a farm tour as a case study to bring home the discussion topics was a valuable mix.
Visiting an operating sustainable farm. Very useful to see the farm in action rather than reading about it or hearing a lecture / presentation.
Large quantity of information shared, and I appreciate that
The farm tour itself... perspective, generous knowledge, and humor ...
Walking tour
Farm tour and hearing from Reppuns
Great example – nice reinforcement between practice and theory / science
Learning about the environment and the steps to starting up a healthy farm
The visual experience, the speakers were informative and the allocated for the workshop was appropriate.
Tour of the farm and being able to see how things were applied
Tour was great!
Liked when the Reppuns talked about the cacao trees, what worked and what didn't work
Tour
Open Q&A and sufficient time with the farmers
Interactive farm tour with the Reppuns
Everything was new and thoroughly interesting
Good info, great lunch!!
On location, on farm

What could have been improved about this workshop?

Handouts and more internet awareness
Make a whole day (x2) to go more in depth instead of touching on each subject
Less talking by Ben
Could have gone longer – super interesting stuff and can listen to the Reppun's all day
This workshop would have been worthy of a full day
Nothing – I found all information useful
Not much
Was good overall
Leaving an open end time for tour. It seemed like Paul and Charlie had more they wanted to share.
Everything was great, only thing would maybe be the group organization. It was hard to hear sometimes and confusion about what group to follow
Nothing
Bring people in maybe 8:30am to cover logistics and allow for people that are arriving late.
More info about proper attire.
Smaller groups to hear everything
A portable microphone – speakers have so much info.
Having a place for the speakers to talk and audience to listen that allowed for easier hearing and more comfortable seating that would allow for more questions and discussion
Three days of learning

More organization to tour. Hard with such a big group
Slightly smaller group for walking tour so we could have heard a little better.
Longer tour
More hands-on experience with planting
Poi for lunch
organization
Being able to hear the speaker as we walked through the farm
Handouts of names of plants and highlights of the farm.

What other topics would you like to see incorporated into future workshops?

Natural Farming
Food Sustainability
Bees (x2)
Describe natives on farm
I think your list of workshops are great topics
Nothing – this workshop surpassed my expectations
More information on natural pest management and aquaponics
Sometimes I get overwhelmed with all the work that has to be done, so I wouldn't mind a topic on
“where to start”
Much smaller scale farming – ¼ acre or smaller / residential growing
Water issues
A more comprehensive review of methods being used on host farm, that differ them from some at the
more widely used farm that improves sustainability
Hawaiian culture, mo`olelo
I appreciated the talk of renewable energy resources and hope to more info.
Product harvesting
More info on raising crops
Farmer bookkeeping / recordkeeping and what simple data farmers can be collecting on their own
farm that can help them track soil / water / crop quality – informal incorporation of science for the
everyday farmer
Learning more about the fineries of the farm.
Land use designation – ag land changing to residential use, but the water stolen (diverted) previously
has not and will not be returned.
Water use from well or ag water. Not many people live near streams and have to manage their water.
How to access ag water? How to increase water flow from private wells.
Economics of farming: biggest costs, best practices for reducing costs, etc.
More organic farming cooperatives
Identifying organic and local products at the farmers markets
Propagation of different seeds / plants etc.