

PROTECTED CULTURE FIELD DAY

WAIMANALO RESEARCH STATION
41-698 Ahiki Street, Waimānalo, Hawaii
Wednesday, May 30, 2018
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

We welcome you to visit the Waimānalo screen house projects on May 30, 2018. Spend the morning with Extension Agent, Jari Sugano and Associate Professor, Dr. Koon Hui Wang as they talk about the benefits and disadvantages of screen and high tunnel systems. Walk through a commercial high tunnel kit system as the final touches are put in place. Learn about USDA NRCS cost share opportunities for high tunnel systems.

Replicated and observational field trials conducted at CTAHR have shown screen systems provide excellent control of agricultural pest such as birds, fruit flies, Chinese rose beetles, and *Lepidoptera* (worm type) pests. Sugano will demonstrate the benefits of using resistant varieties in screen systems to manage small insect vectors that transmit plant viruses. Participants will be able to see the differences, first hand.

Get your daily steps in by walking around the Waimanalo Research Station with Dr. Wang. See the various DIY and commercial kit systems built to date.





Please dress and plan appropriately for farm conditions, rain or shine.

USDA NRCS offers financial assistance for commercial grade, high tunnels through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to growers who qualify for the USDA NRCS conservation cost share program. According to USDA NRCS, forty-two (42) high tunnel units were granted funding under the USDA cost share program in Hawaii since 2013 (USDA NRCS, 2017 personal communication). Come and talk story with USDA NRCS about conservation programs and deadlines.

USDA NRCS High Tunnel Information:

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/organic/?cid=nrcseprd1364702















