



MULTI-AGENCY MEETING ON COFFEE LEAF RUST #25

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:30AM

Teleconferencing via ZOOM

Notes

- Welcome/Introductions
- Updates
 - HDOA
 - Surveys
 - No additional site positive
 - Production areas on Oahu are free from CLR (Dole and Greenworld)
 - Continues to spread in Kona, hoping expansion will slow
 - Watchful of environmental conditions for expression in different areas like Hilo
 - Section 18 Submittal (Updates)
 - Outreach and education relating to the Section 18
 - 15 attendees, compiling a list for more targeted approach for WPS
 - Requests for WPS training
 - Meeting was recorded and will be shared when available
 - HCA will make a call for farm managers
 - FAQs will be posted to the pesticide website
 - Draft Label
 - No updates
 - 45 days is not a hard timeline but a general cut off time frame for producers to use the pesticide
 - Approval timing is not available
 - 48/49 days from submittal
 - Notification and Use Reports
 - Sent out last week to dealers
 - FAQs will be sent to dealers
 - Worker Protection Standards
 - Any outstanding issues?
 - 25' setback
 - 25 foot setback (from "edge of field") need to be followed, even if you have approval from neighboring parcels

- Spray Webinar with UH April 1 and April 8 **recording(?)**
 - decent turnout (120 attendees)
 - Cannot release recording due to incorrect information
 - Webinar with spanish translation or in spanish
 - Considering in-person workshop, adhere to COVID restrictions
 - Andrea and Mitch do a closed outreach event, recorded
 - Will provide less opportunities for misinformation
 - “scripted presentation”
 - Amnesty for varietals already in Hawaii (resistance, yield, cup quality)
 - HRS 150a-14 f does talk about surrendering plant material without permit
 - Would have to be changed legislatively
 - Not an amnesty issue, asking for a pardon
 - HCGA
 - Section 18 Application Update
 - Inventory of resistant varietals already in Hawaii
 - HARC has bagged 15 F1 varieties that are CLR resistant (varieties crossed with Catimor)
 - We think we have quite a bit of resistant varieties in State
 - We do not have a facility large enough to do grow outs (seedling to field potential)
 - We should continue on the path of importing new varieties
 - Small farm on Maui has “devastating” leaf rust in Haiku
 - HARC
 - Updates
 - Field grafting proposal/update
 - Varietals
 - Other
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 - Chemical Suppliers
 - Availability
 - Has enough supply currently
 - Labeling
 - No spanish translation
 - Other (Badge, Oxidate, Cocide, Cafedak, other)
 - UH CTAHR
 - Education - Short term response; IPM
 - Spray and calibration field days in english and spanish, held at Kona research station
 - Will be held in Kau later this month, will have a spanish interpreter available
 - Rotational sprays?
 - IR4 Updates

- Grant applications: Status

- USDA
 - PBARC
 - Testing resistance of varieties already growing in Hawaii
 - Tupi and Obata trials are still clear of CLR
 - CBB CLR App
 - CBB/CLR spray compatibility/formulation/communication
 - Spec. Crop Block Grant -SHAC, PBARC, UH, HCGA
 - follows strategic plan
 - Other
 - Multimillion dollar grant submitted
 - Submitted area-wide IPM grant application
 - Other small grants have been submitted
 - APHIS
 - Strategic Plan Implementation
 - Use rights
 - Quarantine and grow capacity
 - Funding
 - Tracking budget funds
 - Economic analysis
 - Re purposing of existing funds
 - Not available for CLR management
- SHAC
 - Grant updates
 - SCRI
 - Other
- Varietals working group discussions (HCA, HCGA, HARC)
 - Open source
 - Evaluate attributes (resistance, cup quality, yield, etc.)
 - Pathways
 - Infrastructure (Lab, quarantine, grow facilities)
 - Permitting
 - Funding
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- Lawmakers
 - Feral Coffee –
 - KS report/letter

- Will be writing a letter and asking Hawaii coffee organizations to sign off
- Managing feral coffee
 - Forest Solutions
 - HISC, BISC, MISC
- International Partners
- HCA
 - Organization
 - Advocacy
 - Legislation:
 - SB 855 re CBB/CLR Moving - Governor
 - SCR 234 re quarantine facilities - Dead
 - SCR 258 re biosecurity - Dead
 - HB 1298 & 1299 re special funds – Governor
 - Fundraising
 - White paper/Tech sheet
 - 501c3 facility
 - Fund development
 - Communication infrastructure
 - CLR ‘Tech sheet’
 - HCA Virtual Conference: June 24-25
 - Keynote speaker Emilio Lopez Diez, multigenerational producer in El Salvador. Will be an important talk on managing CLR alongside many varieties.
- Other resources
 - MCA
 - KCFA
 - Kona Coffee Council
 - Hawaii Farm Bureau
- Next Steps
 - Next meeting May 19th 8:30am

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