



# Coffee Research at PBARC

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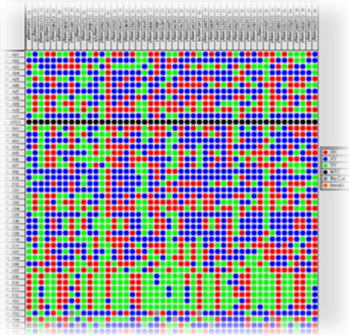


# Our Coffee Team

- Tracie Matsumoto – RL/Research Horticulturist
- Roxana Myers – Research Plant Pathologist
- Lisa Keith- Research Plant Pathologist
- Nick Manoukis- RL/Research Biologist
- Peter Follett- Research Entomologist
- Melissa Johnson – Research Biologist
- Marisa Wall- Director/Research Horticulturist
- New!**
- Peishih Liang – Research Agricultural Engineer
- Xiuxiu Sun – Research Food Technologist
- Research Geneticist



# National Plant Germplasm System - Coffee



SNP  
Genotyping  
ARS Beltsville



Importation and Quarantine  
of Foreign Coffee Germplasm  
ARS Hilo

OR



Hawaii Coffee germplasm  
collected by HARC and local coffee  
growers



Seeds germinated in Hilo, in  
greenhouse before planting



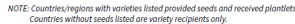
Backup Coffee Collection  
ARS Mayagüez



Long Term (Cryopreservation) Storage  
ARS Fort Collins



Primary Coffee  
Collection  
ARS Hilo



Batian	Centroamericano H1	Ruiru 11
Catigua MG2	IPR103	S4808
Col1	IPR107	S795
Col2	Kartila 1	SLN5B
Col3	Marsellesa	SLN 6
Col4	Oro Azteca	
EC15	Parainema	
EC16	Paraíso	

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# Kona Coffee Root-knot Nematode

- Field Evaluation of Nematode Tolerant and Resistant Rootstocks
- Screening of Rust Resistant Coffee Varieties for Nematode Tolerance and Resistance
- Assessing Control Methods – Host Resistance, Cultural Practices, Amendments, Chemical and Biological Nematicides



Non-grafted  
nematode  
susceptible Typica



Typica grafted to  
nematode tolerant  
rootstock



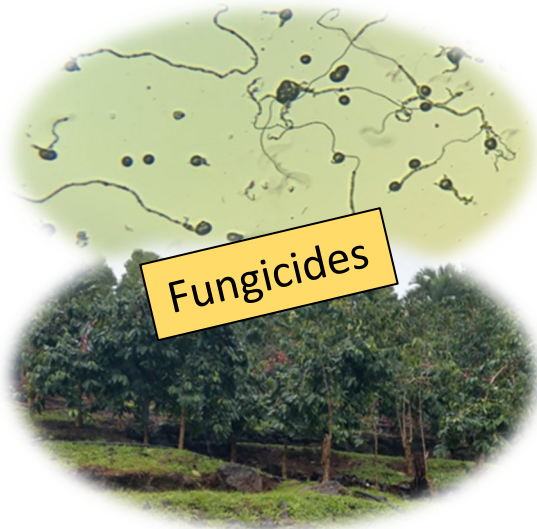
# Coffee Leaf Rust

*Lisa Keith – Research Plant Pathologist*

- Pathogenicity

CLR; Coffee Fruit Rot; Cercospora Spot

- Management



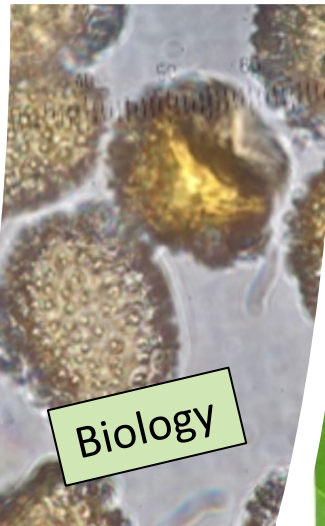
Fungicides



Disease Cycle



Resistant Varieties



Biology



Developed  
Visual Aids / Molecular  
Methods for Early  
Disease Detection  
& CLR Sanitation  
Protocols



Natural  
Enemies

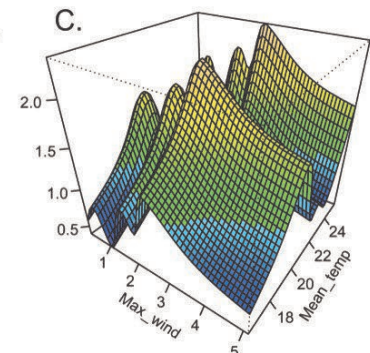
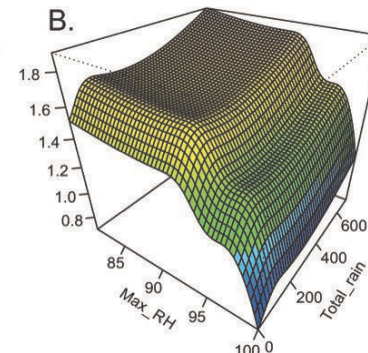
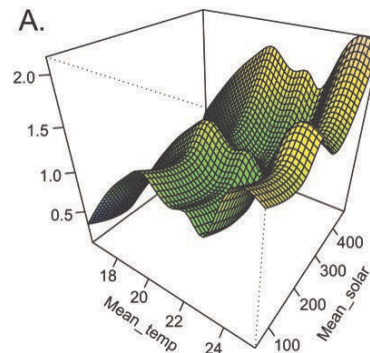
# Coffee Leaf Rust

- Conducting surveys to estimate incidence & severity on managed commercial farms
- Quantifying spore load and characterizing wind dispersal using passive spore samplers
- Correlating symptoms with weather variables, as well as landscape and plot level characteristics
- Integrating data on CLR biology, agronomic characteristics and weather data into predictive models
- Describing impacts on coffee quality (physical and sensory defects)
- Optimizing management practices for CLR: pruning, sanitation, fertilization regimes



# Coffee Berry Borer Research

- Developing baseline for post-harvest ground and tree sanitation
- Characterizing CBB flight: seasonal patterns, average/maximum height, time of day, relationship with weather variables
- Ground covers to improve soil/plant health and increase rate of raisin decomposition & CBB mortality



*Beauveria bassiana*

*Peter Follett- Research Entomologist*

# Coffee Berry Borer Biocontrol

Keith, Matsumoto, Johnson

Parasitic wasp attacking CBB

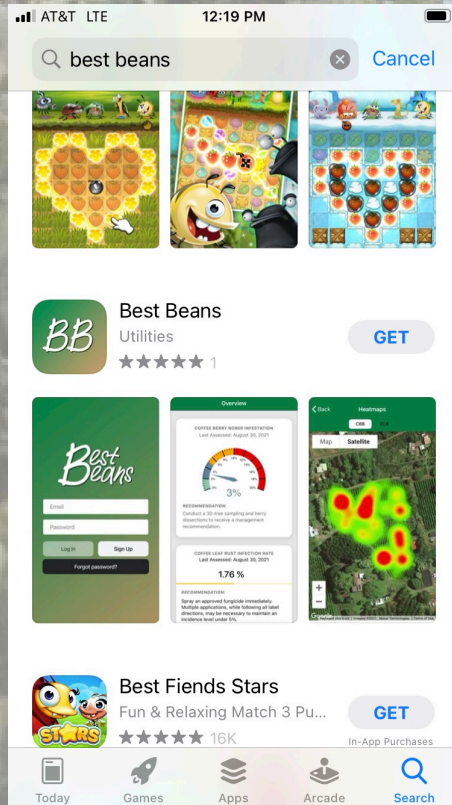


Predator breeding station



# Best Beans App

- Currently available on iOS [App Store] and Android [Google Play]
- Testing phase until next season



**CBB and CLR monitoring and  
decision support available  
now**

