

Profitable Future for Agriculture

2024: Rebuilding Year for Farmers and Ranchers

Plan to achieve commercial profitability

Through strengthening **biosecurity** and **import replacement**

- “It got real” – lessons from the pandemic and wildfire
- Farmers/Ranchers are resilient, support w/resources
- **Budget Request - \$5.6 M [\$2.9 + \$2.7]**
- Upcoming Biennium – introduce the Hawaii Farm Bill
Strategy and Vision for 2025 – 2027 and future



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EVERY FARM AND RANCH HAS AN INVASIVE PEST

Provide **Biosecurity** Resources

- Convert 46 Plant Quarantine Staff from Cargo Fee Special Fund to General Fund - **\$2.9 Million** (\$4.5 M including 64.25% fringe)
- Agriculture operations can focus on food production which in Hawaii, can be 12 months, 24/7

Anecdotally, Cargo arrivals have quadrupled;
Focus on Maui incoming shipments – equipment, construction materials, cars, plants, food, compost.



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IMPORT REPLACEMENT – BUY LOCAL

Provide Incentives and Program Resources

- Support / increase the \$1,000,000 awarded to the DA BUX Program from Governor Green's discretionary funds
- Convert 3 specialist positions from MOF N, P, and T to General Funds – (grant writers) \$215,000
- Support Governor's decision to convert 6.5 commodity aides from special fund to general funds - \$275,000
- Convert 6 positions funded by Irrigation special fund to general fund and 1.5 positions for operations - \$347,000 + \$76,000 total \$423,000
- Other personnel, salary shortfalls, marketing projects, general operations – \$830,000
- TOTAL FOR INCENTIVES AND PROGRAM RESOURCES - \$2.7 million



Hawaii Farm Bill

an omnibus bill for the upcoming biennium

Discussions from 2023 will continue during 2024 to put together a composite document that continues and expands the trend towards profitability achieved in 2024 to address, expand and enhance all sections of agriculture.

Preview of the work in progress – aquaculture parks statewide, statewide tissue culture/seeds/plants laboratories, biosecurity facilities, testing/diagnostic labs, workforce development, land and water, statistics and data, transportation, financial assistance, disaster resilience, healthy soils, infrastructure and manufacturing, marketing and labeling, healthy food access, farm to foodbank...

Inspired by the Pennsylvania Farm Bill



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

PROJECT TITLE	MOF	FY25
STATE IRRIGATION SYSTEM RESERVOIR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C	\$ 23,000,000.00
HALAWA ANIMAL QUARANTINE STATION, OAHU	C	\$ 6,000,000.00
KAHUKU AGRICULTURAL PARK MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	C	\$ 3,500,000.00
MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, MOLOKAI	C	\$ 2,000,000.00
NON-AGRICULTURAL AND AGRICULTURAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C	\$ 1,000,000.00
LOWER HAMAKUA DITCH WATERSHED PROJECT, HAWAII	C	\$ 2,500,000.00
LOWER HAMAKUA DITCH WATERSHED PROJECT, HAWAII	N	\$ 1,000.00



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POTENTIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PENDING AVAILABLE FUNDING

PROJECT TITLE	MOF	FY25
BIOSECURITY FACILITY	C	\$ 2,500,000.00
AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C	\$ 2,200,000.00
HALAWA ANIMAL INDUSTRY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	C	\$ 6,700,000.00
ROYAL KUNIA AGRICULTURAL PARK, OAHU	C	\$ 25,000,000.00
WAIMANALO IRRIGATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	C	\$ 2,500,000.00
WAIMEA IRRIGATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	C	\$ 4,500,000.00

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