

## EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Commercial Farmer who along with my partner and wife Irene has created urban agricultural system and business for the past 23 years on 2000 sq.ft. on a 7000 sq ft lot we live on. We have been in the business of farming since 1994, currently producing 500 pounds of baby greens a week in flats using a plant based compost we have recycled from harvested flats in that time period of operation. We also have a vermi composting system of 40 linear feet of two foot diameter pipe that has been cut in half horizontally in ten foot lengths, producing earth worm castings from juice pulp waste of over 100 pounds we collect from the health food store every week, processing into nutrient rich castings to use in our compost system. Our farm is what I like to term as a efficient closed loop agricultural system that has within it components of nutrient recycling, a food hub with our food safe processing area and walk in chill storage. We grow from north to south in a shade house and u turn into a processing area that ends up in a walk in chill that has to doors one entry and other exit to our van in loading up for delivery. In our success as farmers with a focus on service and quality selling all that we produce. Since 1994 to present we service hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, health food stores and farmers markets on Maui and have some accounts on Oahu. We are active in the community producing conferences from 2001 to 2013 through a non profit holding educational outreach bringing in world experts on protocols in building and maintaining soil health as it relates to conservation and in growing healthy plants and bodies. In 2009 set out to develop a state chapter of the national farmers union as a founding board member. In 2010 became president of Maui Farmers Union and 2012 to current serve as the state president of Hawaii Farmers Union United which has grown from 3 chapters in 2012 to 12 chapters statewide in 2017. We presently have 1100 members state wide made up of family farmers,gardeners and foodies who value regenerative practices in growing food in Hawaii. We support all farmers who value regenerative practices and are looking to transition into practices that lower the off farm inputs while maximizing what they have on their farms in cycling of nutrients.

## SKILL HIGHLIGHTS

- Small business development
- Project management
- Leadership/communication skills
- Promotion of what works
- Skilled educator
- Product development
- Product line expansion
- Community ServiceBringing folks together to work collaboratively
- On farm MacGyver skills

## CORE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Being able to create an agricultural system on a postage stamp that has sustained our family for the past 23 years, while having our son still working on the farm is an achievement I am proud and humbled by since I always wanted to farm in first being an avid gardener, yet not having land or equipment was not knowing how to do it. It was when my wife was pregnant with our baby girl who is now 23 that was craving sunflower greens that I began to grow them and here we are today one of the largest smallest farms in Hawaii producing 500 pounds of greens a week. Also setting out to develop a chapter of the National Farmers Union in Hawaii and finding that we are now the fastest growing chapter of the

NFU in the seven short years we have been in existence with a current membership of 1,100 state wide is also something that I am very humbled and appreciative of. Living the concept of "if it is to be its up to me" I am not afraid to step forward in areas when something needs to be done that I may not have the skill set to accomplish. Trusting that I will attract and build relationship with those I need to work with in order to get whatever task done that I set out to do is a gift I also appreciate having the ability to express.