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**HAWAI'I FARMS URGED TO APPLY FOR USDA EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE BEFORE JULY 31 DEADLINE**

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HONOLULU — Hawai'i agricultural producers affected by the March 10–24, 2026 Kona Low storms are urged to contact their local U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) office and apply for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) by Friday, July 31, 2026.

ECP provides financial cost-share and technical assistance to eligible agricultural producers to repair and restore farmland and irrigation equipment damaged by qualifying natural disasters. Assistance may be available for approved conservation practices such as debris removal, land grading or shaping, restoration of permanent fencing, restoration of conservation structures and emergency water-conservation measures during severe drought.

Farm producers and farmers from all four counties are encouraged to contact FSA even if they previously received information about other recovery programs, including the Emergency Watershed Protection program. Producers should not assume that participation in, or information about, another recovery program replaces an ECP application.

Eligible producers should contact their local FSA office as soon as possible. FSA will review requests, assess documented damage and provide instructions on eligibility, required documentation and approved restoration measures. Producers should not begin work before receiving directions from FSA when pre-approval is required.

Producers may be reimbursed for eligible restoration work, including some work they perform themselves; a 25% advance may be available upon request.

“We understand that recovery has placed a real burden on Hawai‘i’s farmers and ranchers and we want every eligible producer to know that help remains available,” said HIEMA Administrator David Lopez. “We recognize that our farmers and ranchers are essential to Hawai‘i’s communities and food security, so we strongly encourage farmers to call their local FSA county office and apply before the extended July 31 deadline.”

For more information or to apply, contact:

- **Hawai‘i County FSA Service Center – Hilo:** 808-933-8334
- **Hawai‘i County FSA Service Center – Kealahou:** 808-933-8381 Ext. 2
- **Maui Nui County FSA Service Center:** 808-871-5500 Ext. 2
- **Honolulu County FSA Service Center:** 808-861-8538
- **Kaua‘i County FSA Service Center:** 808-975-9529

The state encourages county partners, agricultural organizations and farm-support networks to share this deadline with potentially eligible producers.

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