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## **IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY: WORKING TOGETHER & GROWING THE ECONOMY**

The Foundation's programs and activities develop and strengthen the leadership abilities of its participants and alumni. These leaders are trained in collaborative leadership and are fully equipped to continue the process of bringing people together to address key agricultural issues facing our state. Our participants and alumni also include leaders from the related industries of environmental preservation and conservation, tourism, urban development and renewal, Hawaiian cultural and heritage groups and those concerned with food security and public health such as school and community gardens and farmers markets, Hawaii 2050, Envision Hawaii, Sustain Hawaii and Slow Food Hawaii.

The Ag Leadership alumni are currently working in major statewide positions of leadership including:

- The President of **Hawaii Cattlemen's Council** – an umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. 110+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State.
- The Executive Director of **Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation** – the Hawaii Farm Bureau has a membership of over 2200 and represents ten counties across the state.
- The Vice President of the **Hawaii Tropical Flower Council** – a statewide association of growers, shippers, corporations and individual proprietors, the Hawai'i Tropical Flower Council directs promotion and supports research of Hawaii's \$70 million floral and nursery industry with 690 growers on 1,910 acres in more than 27.6 million square feet of greenhouses and artificial shade.
- Participants on the **Hawaii Energy Policy Forum**

Several of our alumni have gone onto elected positions in the State Senate and State House of Representatives. As well, many of our alumni work for some of the most successful, innovative and sustainable agribusinesses and organizations in Hawaii, including:

- **Parker Ranch** – is among the nation's largest and most historic ranches with 150,000 acres and 30-35,000 head of cattle producing USDA choice beef marketed in the U.S. and Canada
- **Kauai Coffee Company** – Hawaii's (and US) largest coffee grower, with 3,400 acres under cultivation on the southwest side of the Island of Kauai
- **Kona Pacific Farmers Cooperative** - located in the rural area of Napo'opo'o on the Big Island of Hawaii; 300 hard working farmer members who grow and hand pick their Kona Coffee and Macadamia nuts
- **Hawaii Commercial and Sugar Co.** - Hawaii's largest producer of raw sugar, accounting for over 60% of all of the State's sugar; burns bagasse to provide 215 million kilowatt hours per year serving their own power needs and sending excess to Maui Electric Company
- **Green Point Nurseries** – grower / shipper / wholesaler providing services with Hawaiian tropical floral products in Hawaii, and for export
- **Hawaiian Host** - the largest exporter of chocolate covered Macadamia nuts in the world, and the fourth largest U.S. exporter of chocolate candies
- **Pioneer Hi-Bred International** - world's leading developer and supplier of advanced plant genetics to farmers worldwide
- **Hawaiian Earth Products** - the largest producer of compost (Menehune Magic) in the State of Hawaii; locally composts only recycled yard/tree trimmings and other organic recyclables keeping 20% of the waste out of Hawaii landfills
- **Wailea Ag Group** - Hawaii Island farmers experimenting, researching and working together to provide exotic tropical flowers and foliage, tropical fruits and Hawaiian Heart of Palm for Hawaii and exported internationally.