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**Conference Planning Team Launches
New Ag Conference Web Site**

www.hawaiiagconference.org

2008 Hawaii Agriculture Conference: *Growing with Intention* is scheduled for September 4 & 5 at the Hawaii Convention Center. The All Ag Day is on Thursday Sept. 4, 2008. On Friday Sept. 5, 2008, three additional events are occurring: 13th Annual Hawaii MIDPAC Horticultural Conference: *Strengthening Our Industry Through Knowledge*, Bioenergy Master Plan: *A Conversation with Hawaii's Agriculture Sector* and Growing the Next Generation: *a Partnership with Future Farmers of America*.

The 2008 Hawaii Agriculture Conference will feature Keynote Speakers, Seminars and Workshops, a 2-day Tradeshow and Innovative Research Poster Exhibit, and, of course, the wonderful Hawaii Food and Agriculture Products Luncheon. Our internationally renowned keynote speaker, Paul Roberts, will also be giving an open-to-the-public lecture on Thursday evening. Additional information and on-line registration is available on the new ag conference website at: <http://www.hawaiiagconference.org/index.htm>
The on-line registration deadline is August 25, 2008.

The conference planning committee has arranged for discounted group room rates at the Ala Moana Hotel. The Ala Moana Hotel is directly across the street from the Hawaii Convention Center where the conference is located. This year, along with scholarships for the Thursday event there will be a limited amount of travel stipends for neighbor island travelers. You must submit an application for consideration. Applications can be found on the website. A reminder to all neighbor islanders – make your air reservations soon, you can save significantly by booking far in advance of your travel date.

The conference planning committee has been working very hard developing programming that will be relevant and inspiring. Sessions have been designed around the themes of innovation and intentional (verses reactive) change. We have engaged a keynote speaker with an international reputation in both energy and food and have planned sessions that include Farmer-to-Farmer Speed Dating featuring Hawaii's most innovative farmers, several Technical Assistance Workshops and a few Round Table Discussions where we can learn and share about the industries sector's most pressing issues. The committee is hopeful that attendees will depart the conference feeling passionately discontent yet inspired and capable to innovate on a personal level and work together with intention to move the agriculture sector forward during this period of rapid change.

See You There!