Mapping Hawaii’s Agricultural Footprint:
Emerging Trends in Hawaii’s Rural Land Use

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UH Hilo Campus, UCB 100

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The State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture contracted UH Hilo to produce current maps of Hawaii’s agricultural footprint. The Agricultural Baseline 2015 will expand on the award winning "Hawaii County Food Self-Sufficiency Baseline" that mapped the digital footprint of agriculture on Hawaii Island in 2012 and will shed new light on the many forms that post-plantation agriculture presents statewide. The study will provide a baseline from which to measure our progress going forward and can be used as a planning tool to help shape new policies and improve our understanding of where we farm today and why.

This presentation will share:
• Preliminary results of the mapping effort
• Important observations about what drives agricultural land use around the state
• Discussion about Hawaii’s emergent rural landscape
• Realities that underlie our quest for increased food self-reliance

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