

What information was most useful?

- Discussion on food safety integration
- Most work groups
- Project reports
- Writing impact statements
- Reporting outcomes & impacts
- Research data presentation
- Successful projects
- Livestock project review
- Livestock issues
- Grant opportunities
- Thursday morning discussion

**Note: Some topics above were mentioned more than once.

What information was least useful?

- Needs assessment if no implementation
- Grant Information
- Wednesday afternoon: too much detail in some reports

Were there any new solutions or explanations offered at this conference which you would pass on to your clientele?

- Look for on-farm cooperator
- 5 gallon bucket for irrigation management
- Everything
- Irrigation/ fertilizer inputs
- Problems with imported compost
- Food safety, water quality concerns
- Hand-on or demonstrations would be more applicable
- None
- Need to update/increase food safety issue background and impact on clientele
- Composting
- Palauan taro is not resistant to leaf blight (compared to Chinese)
- New focus areas such as food safety should have a session

Was the IPM workshop worthwhile? Any suggestions how to improve next year's conference?

- Yes, Include SARE's strategic joint project- go after large joint funding project
- Very worthwhile, more time to meet in project teams

Yes, but need to have an ornamental component
Have some experts to speak on the issues of food quality so we all have a better understanding
Good meeting for agents and specialist
Involve livestock agents next years too
Very worthwhile, farm visits, demonstrations
Each agent to report on on-going project
Worthwhile, more reports by agents/spec/researchers on updates on what they are doing
Fellowship and knowing what people are doing and what opportunities are out there for importation
Hands on work (field trip) evaluating problem areas; lagoons, streams, etc
Food Safety
More information on waste management-field tour
Include issues from DOH/ DOA/EPA/FQPA
Need to get agents together to update present situation on all projects and future projects as well.

Do you have any suggestions on other topics that should be included in the classroom session?

Farming practices that might be useful to clientele
Up and coming pesticide chemistries
Arnold's hot water treatment
Some information from USDA ARS on future projects
Designing, creating presentation, posters (Quark X, PowerPoint, etc)
Food Safety
To have full agent participation, subject areas should include all commodity groups.
There should be more time for break out group sessions and open discussions
Pesticide registrations work in progress, or review of work in progress
Discussion on water quality as related to standards...nutrient levels allowable
Bio control type work if any
Best management practices
Plans for hiring 1) food microbiologist/ safety researcher, 2) CTAHR grant writer
HR and crop ties
Some of R. Yost work needs to be shared with the group
How to improve adoption by clientele

What do you consider to be the most important challenge facing extension agents?

Responding with timely alternatives that are IPM, SARE, WQ friendly
Doing a good job with less especially attrition
Identifying key problem areas within CTAHR as a whole and mobilizing adequate resources to resolve them
We need more focus

Food safety and waste management
Land zoning changes, agriculture to urban
Determining priorities of time allocation
Time allocation to specific projects
Lack of or reduced amount of field agents
Funding, working with other agencies
New regulations
Trying to cover too many items due to limited opportunities to meet
Juggling a variety of challenges and priorities
Funding measuring impact, clientele service with limit resources
Getting grants to complete necessary work
Funding to carry out projects and operating expenses
Budget cuts, doing more with less
Decreasing resources and increasing responsibilities
Critical mass, extinction
Doing more with less
How to become more focused with a shrinking budget

Additional comments:

Good Host- I think working together-building team -groups looks like they are committed to working together
Hold meeting away from Oahu
Thanks Ron & Carl and the rest for organizing this conference and providing the opportunity
for agents to get together as a team.
Good opportunity to cross communication with other agents
Need an impact report (nice publication) for administration, legislation, and farmers to
show what we are doing; successes
Administration needs to leverage our accomplishments with state funding since the work we do
provides a foundation to economic development
Commend Ron for bringing agents together
Continue these sessions
Very valuable integration of plant and animal concerns-many commonalties