Aloun Farms Takes Over Melon Fly Suppression Program
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A milestone for HAW-FLYPM happened earlier this month. Aloun Farms is the first cooperator who has “graduated” from the fruit fly suppression program. Alec and Mike Sou have agreed to take over the entire program for their 800 acre diversified crops farm at Central Oahu. Congratulations to Aloun Farms. Shown here are Alec Sou (second from the left) and the exceptionally capable employees of the farm. The photo was taken earlier this year at the reception for the area wide annual meeting that was held at Aloun Farms.

Area-wide fruit fly suppression program in Oahu was initiated with the establishment of a demonstration site at Aloun Farms, located in Central Oahu. They believed in us said Ron Mau who was involved in establishing the demonstration project. Initially the farm received educational and field support to establish the Simple as 1-2-3 Demonstration program. The farm provided education for their supervisory and field workers and the rest is history. After more than two years of the program implementation, both farmer and outreach personnel have gained enormous experience on how to suppress melon fly, both from success and failures. A proven record of effective melon fly suppression was developed. While it was time for Aloun Farms to completely take over the suppression program, area wide IPM field staff will provide support and advice if it is needed.

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