



Hawai'i Dairy Farms

MAHA'ULEPU, KAUAI

Grass farmers with a passion for dairy.

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Hawai'i Dairy Farms Hosts Community Briefing and Open House to Discuss EIS Preparation Notice

Koloa, Hawai'i – Feb. 4, 2015 – Hawai'i Dairy Farms will host a Community Briefing and Open House on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015 at Koloa School Cafeteria from 7 – 8:30 p.m. The purpose of the briefing is to encourage the community to provide comments on the recently published Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for Hawai'i Dairy Farms' voluntary EIS about its proposed grass-fed dairy farm in Maha'ulepu.

“Community participation is key to developing a comprehensive EIS, which is why we are hosting this voluntary community briefing and open house as part of our ongoing effort to collaborate with the community about our proposed grass-based farm,” said Amy Hennessey, director of communications for Hawai'i Dairy Farms. “We encourage anyone with questions about the EISPN to come learn and provide comments to ensure all relevant issues are addressed in our studies. We look forward to continuing the conversation with the community to create a farm that provides fresh, local milk for Hawai'i's families in a sustainable, environmentally sound manner.”

The publication of the EISPN on Jan. 23, 2015 began a 30-day comment period during which the community can request to become a consulted party to receive the Draft EIS, as well as to provide comments on issues it believes should be covered in the Draft EIS. A list of studies being conducted by technical experts for Group 70 International, the consultant preparing the EIS, is included in the EISPN. The comment period ends on Feb. 23, 2015.

The EISPN is available for download from Hawai'i Dairy Farm's website at www.hawaiidairyfarms.com/eis or from the [State Office of Environmental Quality Control](#) (OEQC).

All comments must be submitted in writing by mail or email no later than February 23, 2015 to Group 70 or the State Department of Health's Office of Environmental Planning in order to be included. All substantive written comments received will be published in the Draft EIS (DEIS) along with the reply.



To comment by mail, please send it to:
State of Hawai'i, Department of Health
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To provide comment by email, please send it to HDF@Group70int.com
or epo@doh.hawaii.gov.

Hawai'i Dairy Farms is Hawai'i's first zero discharge grass-fed dairy, located on 578 acres in Maha'ulepu, Kaua'i. The farm will help increase statewide local milk production in an effort to restore Hawai'i's dairy industry and produce a fresh, local product Hawai'i's families can afford. The operating budget is projected to be about \$6 million annually to support Kaua'i's local economy. To learn more, please visit www.HawaiiDairyFarms.com.

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