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Pacific Region – Hawaii Agricultural Theft and Vandalism Report



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Agriculture Theft and Crime Cost Hawaii Farm Producers \$12.8 million in 2024

The total value of theft and vandalism losses, as well as security costs, from Hawaii farms is estimated at \$12.8 million. Total theft of farm commodities, materials, equipment, and other property is pegged at \$2.30 million. Statewide vandalism cost to farms in Hawaii totaled \$970 thousand. Total security costs to prevent theft and/or vandalism totaled \$9.54 million.

The survey showed 2,312 incidents of theft, 759 incidents of vandalism, and 9,224 trespassing incidents during 2024. Of these, 644 were reported to law enforcement. The number of arrests resulting from the reported incidents is estimated at 47. Threats of violence were reported on 145 of the trespassing incidents. Survey respondents indicated the elapsed time between report of an incident of theft, vandalism, or trespassing and response from the Enforcement Agency was less than 3 days 91 percent of the time.

Survey respondents compared crime levels during 2024 to 2020. Fourteen percent of respondents perceived an increase in crime level, 78 percent indicated that crime remained the same, and 8 percent thought crime levels had decreased. Respondents were asked about their level of familiarity with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's efforts to deter agricultural theft by using ownership and movement certificates. Based on survey results, 64 percent were not familiar, 19 percent were familiar, but had not filled out the certificates, 7 percent were familiar and had completed the certificates, and 10 percent were unspecified.

The results of the survey show that 13 percent of farms in the State suffered theft or vandalism during 2024. Honolulu County suffered the highest rate of theft and/or vandalism at 21 percent of all farms. Hawaii County had the second highest rate at 12 percent. Maui County was third at 11 percent and Kauai had the lowest rate at 9 percent.

Table 1. Theft and Vandalism Losses and Security Measure Costs, by County, 2024

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County	Lo	osses	Security Measure	Total				
County	Theft	Vandalism	Costs	TOlai				
		\$1	,000					
Hawaii	992		2,985					
Honolulu	764							
Kauai	25							
Maui	465		2,248					
Other Cntys	53							
State Total	2,299	970	9,543	12,812				

Counties not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other Cntys" and included in State totals. County Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 2. Theft by Category, State of Hawaii, 2024

Type of Theft	Incidents	Amount of Loss
	number	\$1,000
Crop	1,131	665
Livestock 1/	350	474
Chemical/Fertilizer	183	52
Machinery/Equipment	401	956
Other Property	247	152
State Total	2,312	2,299

^{1/} Livestock includes cattle, poultry, aquaculture, bee & honey, and all other livestock.

Table 3. Theft Incidents, by Type of Theft, by County, 2024

	Type of Theft						
County	Crop Livestock		Livestock Chemical/ Machinery/ Other			Total	
			Fertilizer	Equipment	Property		
			numi	ber			
Hawaii	746	309		106	117		
Honolulu	166	16	145	234	37	598	
Kauai	134	0	25	29	18	206	
Maui	85	25		32	75		
Other Cntys	0	0	13	0	0	13	
State Total	1,131	350	183	401	247	2,312	

Counties not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other Cntys" and included in State totals. County Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 4. Amount of Loss Due to Theft, by Type of Theft, by County, 2024

	Type of Theft							
County	Crop	Livestock	Chemical/ Fertilizer	Machinery/ Equipment	Other Property	Total		
			\$1,0	00				
Hawaii	554	279		83	76			
Honolulu	54	178	36	457	39	764		
Kauai	11	0		14				
Maui	46	17		402				
Other Cntys	0	0	16	0	37	53		
State Total	665	474	52	956	152	2,299		

Counties not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other Cntys" and included in State totals. County Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 5. Theft Incidents, by Type of Theft, by Commodity Group, 2024

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	Type of Theft								
Type of Farm	Cron	Livootook	Chemical/	Machinery/	Other	Total			
	Стор	Crop Livestock		Equipment	Property	Total			
			nun	nber					
Fruit	661	7		72	73				
Vegetable	316	0	175	241	30	762			
Livestock 1/	30	324		64	65				
Macadamia nut	20	0	0		0				
Coffee	50	19	0						
Floriculture	35	0		16	48				
Other	19	0	8	8	31	66			
State Total	1,131	350	183	401	247	2,312			

Type of Theft not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other" and included in State totals. The Type of Farm Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

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Table 6. Amount of Loss Due to Theft, by Type of Theft, by Commodity Group, 2024

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Type of Farm	Crop	Livestock	Chemical/	Machinery/	Other	Total
	•		Fertilizer	Equipment	Property	
			\$1,	000		
Fruit	101			231	32	
Vegetable	233	0	47	570	45	895
Livestock 1/	17	462		35	24	
Macadamia nut		0	0		0	
Coffee	297		0	5		
Floriculture	6	0		11	37	
Other	11	12	5	104		
State Total	665	474	52	956	152	2,299

Type of Theft not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other" and included in State totals. The Type of Farm Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 7. Theft Incidents, by Type of Theft, by Economic Size of Farm, 2024

		Type of Theft					
Agricultural Sales	Crop	Livestock	Chemical/ Fertilizer	Machinery/ Equipment	Other Property	Total	
			Num				
Over \$500,000	8	5	13	29	20	75	
\$100,000 to 499,999	106	106	16	42	111	381	
\$50,000 to 99,999	40	17	0	25	20	102	
\$10,000 to 49,999	467	180	154	184	91	1,076	
Under \$10,000	510	42	0	121	5	678	
State Total	1,131	350	183	401	247	2,312	

Table 8. Amount of Loss Due to Theft, by Type of Theft, by Economic Size of Farm, 2024

			Type o	of Theft		
Agricultural Sales	Crop	Livestock	Chemical/	Machinery/	Other	Total
	Стор	LIVESTOCK	Fertilizer	Equipment	Property	Total
			\$1,0	000		
Over \$500,000	182		8	197	29	
\$100,000 to 499,999	55	130	4	77	62	328
\$50,000 to 99,999	108	172	0	353		
\$10,000 to 49,999	255	137	40	44	48	524
Under \$10,000	65		0	285		
Unpublished	0	35	0	0	13	48
State Total	665	474	52	956	152	2,299

Type of Theft not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Unpublished" and included in State totals. The Agricultural Sales Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 9. Vandalism by Category, State of Hawaii, 2024

Incidents	Amount of Loss
number	\$1,000
245	171
64	134
390	367
60	298
759	970
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Type of Vandalism not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Unpublished" and included in State totals. The Type of Vandalism Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

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Table 10. Vandalism Incidents, by Type of Vandalism, by County, 2024

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		Type of Vandalism						
County	Cran	Liventeele	Chemical/	Machinery/	Other	Total	Involve	
•	Crop	Livestock	Fertilizer	Equipment	Property	Total	Graffiti	
		number					- number -	
				=				
Hawaii	130	34				503		
Honolulu	108	3				155		
Kauai								
Maui								
Other Cntys	7	27				101	13	
State Total	245	64				759	13	

Counties not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other Cntys" and included in State totals. County Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 11. Amount of Loss Due to Vandalism, by Type of Vandalism, by County, 2024

	Type of Vandalism							
County	Crop	Livestock	Chemical/	Machinery/	Other	Total		
	О. ОР		Fertilizer	Equipment	Property			
			\$1,0	000				
Hawaii	144	32				453		
Honolulu	24	73				132		
Kauai								
Maui								
Other Cntys	3	29				385		
State Total	171	134				970		

Counties not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other Cntys" and included in State totals. County Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 12. Vandalism Incidents, by Type of Vandalism, by Commodity Group, 2024

		Type of Vandalism						
Type of Farm	Cron	Livestock	Chemical/	Machinery/	Other	Total	Involve	
	Crop	Livestock	Fertilizer	Equipment	Property	Total	Graffiti	
			n	umber			- number -	
Fruit	88					173		
Vegetable	100					113		
Livestock 1/								
Macadamia nut								
Coffee								
Floriculture								
Other								
Unpublished	57	64				473		
State Total	245	64				759	13	

Type of vandalism not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Unpublished" and included in State totals. The Type of Farm Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

^{1/} Livestock includes cattle, poultry, aquaculture, bee & honey, and all other livestock.

Table 13. Amount of Loss Due to Vandalism, by Type of Vandalism, by Commodity Group, 2024

	Type of Vandalism						
Type of Farm	Crop	Livestock	Chemical/	Machinery/	Other	Total	
	Огор	Livestook	Fertilizer	Equipment	Property	Total	
			\$1,	000			
Fruit	10					59	
Vegetable	20					251	
Livestock 1/							
Macadamia nut							
Coffee							
Floriculture							
Other							
Unpublished	141	134				660	
State Total	171	134				970	

Type of vandalism not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Unpublished" and included in State totals. The Type of Farm Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 14. Vandalism Incidents, by Type of Vandalism, by Economic Size of Farm, 2024

	Type of Vandalism							
Agricultural Sales	Cran	Livestaale	Chemical/	Machinery/	Other	Total	Involve	
-	Crop	Livestock	Fertilizer	Equipment	Property	Total	Graffiti	
		number						
Over \$500,000								
\$100,000 to 499,999								
\$50,000 to 99,999	13					34		
\$10,000 to 49,999	157					287		
Under \$10,000	68					170		
Unpublished	7	64						
State Total	245	64				759	13	

Type of vandalism not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Unpublished" and included in State totals. The Agricultural Sales Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 15. Amount of Loss Due to Vandalism, by Type of Vandalism, by Economic Size of Farm, 2024

			Type of \	/andalism		
Agricultural Sales	Crop	Livestock	Chemical/	Machinery/	Other	Total
	Crop	Livestock	Fertilizer	Equipment	Property	Total
			\$1,0	00		
Over \$500,000						
\$100,000 to 499,999						
\$50,000 to 99,999	37					356
\$10,000 to 49,999	35					89
Under \$10,000	96					232
Unpublished	3	134				
State Total	171	134				970

Type of vandalism not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Unpublished" and included in State totals. The Agricultural Sales Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

^{1/} Livestock includes cattle, poultry, aquaculture, bee & honey, and all other livestock.

Table 16. Amount Spent on Security Measures to Prevent Theft, Vandalism, or Trespassing, by County. 2024

			Security N	/leasure		
	Security System	Guards	Fences, Locks, Barriers, etc.	Dogs	Other	Total
			\$1,000)		
Hawaii	454	101	1,890	323	217	2,985
Honolulu	1,338	186	1,683	143		
Kauai	128	603	164	31		
Maui	470	450	1,195	85	48	2,248
Other Cntys	0	0	0	0		
State Total	2,390	1,340	4,932	582	299	9,543

Counties not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other Cntys" and included in State totals. County Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 17. Amount Spent on Security Measures to Prevent Theft, Vandalism, and Trespassing, by Commodity Group, 2024

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	Security Measures						
Type of Farm	Security System	Guards	Fences, Lock, Barriers, etc.	Dogs	Other	Total	
			\$1,0	00			
Fruit	597		2,558	199	43		
Vegetable	147	20	550	63	22	802	
Livestock 1/	185	1,093	443	131	135	1,987	
Macadamia nut	20		258		10		
Coffee	52	181	611	83			
Floriculture	280	37	126	90	84	617	
Other	1,109	10	386				
State Total	2,390	1,340	4,932	582	299	9,543	

Security Measures not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other" and included in State totals. The Type of Farm Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total. Totals may no add due to rounding. 1/ Livestock includes cattle, poultry, aquaculture, bee & honey, and all other livestock.

Table 18. Amount Spent on Security Measures to Prevent Theft, Vandalism, and Trespassing, by Economic Size of Farm . 2024

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	Security Measures						
Agricultural Sales	Security System	Guards	Fences, Lock, Barriers, etc.	Dogs	Other	Total	
			\$1,0	000			
Over \$500,000	413	594	659	26	81	1,773	
\$100,000 to 499,999	497	85	1,614	63	21	2,280	
\$50,000 to 99,999	81	180	144	25			
\$10,000 to 49,999	143	38	972	116			
Under \$10,000	1,256	443	1,543	352	185	3,779	
Unpublished	0	0	0	0			
State Total	2,390	1,340	4,932	582	299	9,543	

Security Measures not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other" and "Unpublished" and included in State totals. The Agricultural Sales Totals are not shown in these instances and will not add to State Total.

Table 19. Trespassing Incidents, by County, 2024

Table 20. Trespassing Incidents, by Economic Size of Farm, 2024

County	Trespassing Incidents	Threats of Violence	Agricultural Sales	Trespassing Incidents	Threats of Violence
	number	number		number	number
Hawaii	3,577	44	Over \$500,000	1,981	16
Honolulu	2,348	53	\$100,000 to 499,999	2,818	30
Kauai	1,713	13	\$50,000 to 99,999	455	23
Maui	1,586	35	\$10,000 to 49,999	2,324	43
			Under \$10,000	1,646	33
State Total	9,224	145	State Total	9,224	145

Table 21. Trespassing Incidents, by Commodity Group, 2024

Type of Farm	Trespassing Incidents	Threats of Violence
	number	number
Fruit	1,183	47
Vegetable	2,200	29
Livestock 1/	4,042	34
Macadamia nut	380	
Coffee	331	
Floriculture	139	
Other	949	35
State Total	9,224	145

Threats of Violence not meeting NASS publication standards (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other" and included in State totals. 1/ Livestock includes cattle, poultry, aquaculture, bee & honey, and all other livestock.

Table 22. Level of Prosecution of Theft, Vandalism, and Trespassing Incidents, by County, 2024

Country	Level of Prosecution				
County	Reported to Police	Arrested			
	numl	ber			
Hawaii	301				
Honolulu	161				
Kauai	32				
Maui	150				
Other Cntys	0	47			
State Total	644	47			

Counties not published (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Other Cntys" and included in State totals.

Table 23. Level of Prosecution of Theft, Vandalism, and Trespassing Incidents, by Commodity Group, 2024

by Commodity Group, 2024							
Tune of Form	Level of Prosecution						
Type of Farm	Reported to Police	Arrested					
	num	ber					
Fruit	195						
Vegetable	85						
Livestock 1/	219						
Macadamia nut							
Coffee							
Floriculture							
Other	64						
Unpublished	81	47					
State Total	644	47					

Type of Farm not published (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Unpublished" and included in State totals. 1/ Livestock includes cattle, poultry, aquaculture, bee & honey, and all other livestock.

Table 24. Level of Prosecution of Theft, Vandalism, and Trespassing Incidents, by Economic Size of Farm. 2024

A grievitural Calas	Level of Prosecution				
Agricultural Sales	Reported to Police	Arrested			
	num	nber			
Over \$500,000	77				
\$100,000 to 499,999	123				
\$50,000 to 99,999	81				
\$10,000 to 49,999	135				
Under \$10,000	228				
Unpublished	0	47			
State Total	644	47			

Level of Prosecution not published (denoted by "--") are combined and shown under "Unpublished" and included in State totals.

Table 25. Elapsed Time Between Report of Incident of Theft/Vandalism/Trespassing and Response from Enforcement Agency, by County, 2024

County				# of Days			
County	< 3	4 – 7	8 – 14	15 – 30	31 - 180	> 180	Total
				- percentage			
Hawaii	93	4	2	0	0	1	100
Honolulu	87	0	3	0	0	10	100
Kauai	100	0	0	0	0	0	100
Maui	93	0	0	4	3	0	100
State Total 1/	91	2	2	1	1	3	100

^{1/} The State Total percentages are weighted averages based on reported data for each category. Therefore, the straight average of each category will not equal the State Total.

Table 26. Elapsed Time Between Report of Incident of Theft/Vandalism/Trespassing and Response from Enforcement Agency, by Commodity Group, 2024

	# of Days						
Type of Farm	< 3	4 - 7	8 - 14	15 – 30	31 - 180	> 180	Total
				- percentage			
Fruit	96	2	2	0	0	0	100
Vegetable	86	0	0	0	0	14	100
Livestock 1/	94	0	0	3	0	3	100
Coffee	76	10	14	0	0	0	100
Floriculture	92	0	0	0	8	0	100
Other	91	9	0	0	0	0	100
State Total 2/	91	2	2	1	1	3	100

^{1/} Livestock includes cattle, poultry, aquaculture, bee & honey, and all other livestock.

Table 27. Elapsed Time Between Report of Incident of Theft/Vandalism/Trespassing and Response from Enforcement Agency, by Economic Size of Farm, 2024

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A suries alternal Calas	# of Days						
Agricultural Sales	< 3	4 - 7	8 - 14	15 - 30	31 - 180	> 180	Total
				- percentage			
Over \$500,000	93	7	0	0	0	0	100
\$100,000 to 499,999	67	10	13	5	5	0	100
\$50,000 to 99,999	100	0	0	0	0	0	100
\$10,000 to 49,999	87	0	0	0	0	13	100
Under \$10,000	98	0	0	0	0	2	100
State Total 1/	91	2	2	1	1	3	100

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^{2/} The State Total percentages are weighted averages based on reported data for each category. Therefore, the straight average of each category will not equal the State Total.

Table 28. Five-year Change in Level of Crime, Reported as a Percentage of Respondents, by County, 2024 from 2020

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Country	Level of Change					
County	Increased	Decreased	No Change			
		percentage				
Hawaii	12	7	81			
Honolulu	22	15	63			
Kauai	13	9	78			
Maui	16	6	78			
State Total 1/	14	8	78			

^{1/} The State Total percentages are weighted averages based on reported data for each category. Therefore, the straight average of each category will not equal the State Total.

Table 29. Five-year Change in Level of Crime, Reported as a Percentage of Respondents, by Commodity Group, 2024 from 2020

Type of Form	Level of Change					
Type of Farm	Increased	Decreased	No Change			
		percentage				
Fruit	16	7	77			
Vegetable	21	29	50			
Livestock 1/	12	4	84			
Macadamia nut	19	15	66			
Coffee	15	4	81			
Floriculture	8	7	85			
Other	3	10	87			
State Total 2/	14	8	78			

^{1/} Livestock includes cattle, poultry, aquaculture, bee & honey, and all other livestock.

Table 30. Five-year Change in Level of Crime, Reported as a Percentage of Respondents, by Economic Size of Farm, 2024 from 2020

Type of Farm	Level of Change				
Type of Famil	Increased	Decreased	No Change		
	percentage				
Over \$500,000	24	10	66		
\$100,000 to 499,999	25	13	62		
\$50,000 to 99,999	13 10 77				
\$10,000 to 49,999	17	12	71		
Under \$10,000	11	5	84		
State Total 1/	14	8	78		

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^{2/} The State Total percentages are weighted averages based on reported data for each category. Therefore, the straight average of each category will not equal the State Total.

Table 31. Familiarity with HDOA's Ownership and Movement Certificate Requirement, by County, 2024

-	Level of Familiarity					
County	None	Familiar, Certificates not Utilized	Familiar, Certificates Utilized	Unspecified	Total	
			percentage			
Hawaii	61	22	11	6	100	
Honolulu	61	13	5	21	100	
Kauai	73	13	6	8	100	
Maui	70	16	1	13	100	
State Total 1/	64	19	7	10	100	

^{1/} The State Total percentages are weighted averages based on reported data for each category. Therefore, the straight average of each category will not equal the State Total.

Table 32. Familiarity with HDOA's Ownership and Movement Certificate Requirement, by Commodity Group, 2024

	Level of Familiarity				
Type of Farm		Familiar,	Familiar,		
	None	Certificates	Certificates	Unspecified	Total
		not Utilized	Utilized		
			percentage		
Fruit	65	18	5	12	100
Vegetable	78	11	4	7	100
Livestock 1/	63	18	12	7	100
Macadamia nut	50	11	13	26	100
Coffee	58	30	7	5	100
Floriculture	59	22	9	10	100
Other	81	8	5	6	100
State Total ^{2/}	64	19	7	10	100

^{1/} Livestock includes cattle, poultry, aquaculture, bee & honey, and all other livestock.

Table 33. Familiarity with HDOA's Ownership and Movement Certificate Requirement, by Economic Size of Farm, 2024

Level of Familiarity							
Agricultural Sales	None	Familiar, Certificates not Utilized	Familiar, Certificates Utilized	Unspecified	Total		
			percentage				
Over \$500,000	75	12	8	5	100		
\$100,000 to 499,999	52	23	14	11	100		
\$50,000 to 99,999	60	23	11	6	100		
\$10,000 to 49,999	60	15	10	15	100		
Under \$10,000	68	19	5	8	100		
State Total 1/	64	19	7	10	100		

^{1/} The State Total percentages are weighted averages based on reported data for each category. Therefore, the straight average of each category will not equal the State Total.

^{2/} The State Total percentages are weighted averages based on reported data for each category. Therefore, the straight average of each category will not equal the State Total.

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