



Department
of Agriculture
& Biosecurity
STATE OF HAWAII

AGRICULTURAL LEASE PROGRAM
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Honolulu, HI 96814-2512

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Note: For entries on more than one island/district, this form may be photocopied.

I am interested in a State Agricultural Lease:

Location Desired: Island: _____ District: _____

Acres (check one): ☐ 5 to 10 ☐ 10 to 20 ☐ More than 20

Type of farming (check one): ☐ Field Crops ☐ Flowers/Foliage ☐ Orchard
☐ Pasture ☐ Aquaculture ☐ Other _____

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE: Based on the qualifications and experience requirements defined on the back of this page, I am applying as a:

(check one) ☐ Bona Fide Farmer ☐ New Farmer ☐ Qualified Aquaculturist

GENERAL BACKGROUND:

☐ In addition, I meet all three (3) of the **GENERAL BACKGROUND** requirements as defined on the back of this page.

If you meet **one** category of AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE **and all three** of the GENERAL BACKGROUND requirements, your name will be placed on the revised Expression of Interest list.

THIS FORM IS AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE AGRICULTURAL LEASE PROGRAM AND **NOT** AN "APPLICATION FORM." THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS NOT OBLIGATED TO AWARD AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE TO YOU AS A RESULT OF THIS SUBMITTAL.

However, should agricultural land become available within the area requested, we will send you a notice.

This form shall be effective for 2 years after its receipt. If you do not respond to the application request or do not re-file when it expires, your name will be withdrawn from the revised Expression of Interest list.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): Work: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Date Received: _____ By: _____

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

1. BONA FIDE FARMER:

- (a) Is/was an owner-operator of an established farm conducting a substantial farming operation and for a substantial period of his/her life, resided on a farm or depended on farm income for livelihood; or
- (b) Has no less than 2 years experience as a full-time farmer or 4 years experience as a part-time farmer and who, in the administrator's judgment, is likely to successfully operate a farm by reason of experience, ability, and training as a vocational trainee.

2. NEW FARMER:

- (a) Is a college or community college graduate in agriculture or aquaculture who has less than two years experience as a full-time farmer or less than two years experience as a part-time farmer; and
- (b) By reason of ability, experience, and training as a vocational trainee, is likely to successfully operate a farm, in the administrator's judgment.

3. QUALIFIED AQUACULTURIST:

Is a **bona fide farmer** or **new farmer** (as defined above) who is actively engaged in aquaculture farming, aquacultural produce processing, or aquacultural product-development activities.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

- 1. You are a citizen of the United States who has resided in Hawai'i for at least 3 years, or a permanent-status alien who has resided in Hawai'i for at least 5 years; and
- 2. You have not had a previous sale, lease, license, permit, or easement covering public lands canceled for failure to satisfy the terms and conditions thereof during the 5 years preceding the date of disposition; and
- 3. You are not in arrears in payment of taxes or other financial obligations to the State of Hawai'i or to any of its counties.

When requested, you should be able to provide proof of your Agricultural Experience and General Background qualifications.

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