

**AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**



State of Hawaii

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ADC Satellite Office Opens at Whitmore, Oahu

On January 29th, ADC's Whitmore Office opened. The office is located at 1116 Whitmore Avenue, Wahiawa HI 96786. Office hours are Monday to Friday: By Appointment. Mr. Lyle Roe, Property Manager, is based out of this office and can be contacted at 808.622.6696 or lyle.t.roe@hawaii.gov.

Whitmore Agricultural Criminal Sweep

On February 27th, ADC and a joint law enforcement team yesterday conducted a coordinated sweep of a vacant agricultural parcel near Whitmore Village in Central Oahu that has been a hotbed for criminal activity. The 230-acre parcel has been a troubled area for ADC, law enforcement, and the Whitmore and Poamoho community for years. During the enforcement action, ADC issued 11 trespass warnings and three of the individuals were arrested for outstanding warrants as well as new charges. The enforcement action was coordinated by the joint law enforcement team, the State Attorney General's office, the Governor's office, State Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Honolulu City Councilwoman Heidi Tsuneyoshi, and ADC.

ADC will be ramping up its efforts immediately to secure and prepare the lands for agricultural production by hiring around-the-clock security and clearing the brush, trash, and abandoned vehicles. The ADC anticipates the land will be ready for farming by Summer 2020.



Miscellaneous Building



Miscellaneous Vehicles



Miscellaneous Equipment



Miscellaneous Vehicles

Agriculture Awareness Day

On February 5th, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation sponsored Ag Awareness Day at the State Capitol. It was an opportunity for policymakers and the public to learn about Hawaii's agriculture industry and meet many of the organizations and people who supply our communities with locally grown and produced products.

ADC's Board of Directors Chairperson, Sandi Kato-Klutke, participated with friends from Kauai.



ADC Farmer Highlight

Umi Martin has been farming on ADC land in Kekaha since 2016. To date, Umi has installed a pipe irrigation system, constructed a nursery where he propagates cuttings and seedlings used on the farm, and constructed a system of sophisticated trellises for a portion of his mango crop to manage tree height, branching, production, and future harvesting. Umi has planted over 650 white pirie and keith trees and mixed varieties of citrus, some of which are already bearing fruits. This year, Umi will be filling in the gaps between the trees on his 5 acres. He will be adding 125 mango trees, 60 avocado trees, 80 citrus trees, and 60 artocarpus trees (jackfruit, chempedak, and marang).



Avocado Tree



White Mango Tree



Citrus Tree



Mango Tree Orchard



Mango Trees on Trellises

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