



Roots & Revenue: The Big Island Agriculture Experience

Hosted by the Dames of the Hawai'i Chapter

The Dames of Hawai'i will tailor your Legacy experience to your specific interests, introducing you to the development, marketing and distribution of value-added agricultural products of the Big Island of Hawai'i.

Producers on the Big Island often find multiple revenue streams necessary due to the high cost of living, importation logistics, and environmental and natural disaster challenges. They also continually educate and engage the local food community, chefs, consumers, educators, and influencers about locally sourced food. Around 90 percent of Hawai'i's food is imported, so it is critical to develop markets for locally grown foods.

This experience will include visits to farms and ranches, ranging from beekeeping to production of poultry, nuts, greens, herbs, sweet potatoes, and beef cattle. Learn about native specialties such as taro, coconut, bananas, and ti leaves. The Big Island grows everything from coffee and tropical fruits to cacao, ulu, and vanilla. Its mature and vibrant School Garden network is modelled after Alice Waters' Edible Schoolyard and a possible visit for the Awardee. Plan to visit a few farmers markets and enjoy a meal with the market finds at Dame Joan Namkoong's home in Waimea.

Accommodations will be in Waimea (aka Kamuela) on the north part of the island in pastureland and farm country or at one of our Dames' ranches. Please note that this is not a beach or typical tourist location.



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The successful applicant will have 4+ years of food (including agriculture), beverage, or hospitality experience. This may include a farmer or rancher looking to create value-added products to expand their business; a specialty foods professional seeking to better understand the challenges and opportunities of small producers; or a government compliance professional aiming to better understand the challenges faced by small farmers and producers.

Timeline: Mid-May through October 2026 mutually arranged between Awardee and host chapter

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