



**KAUAI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

# **Grass to Grain Co-Op Community Ranching**



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## Mission Statement

**“To improve the quality of life on Kaua’i by developing partnerships to diversify the economy, supporting industry clusters, and educating Kaua’i’s youth and workforce to succeed in the global economy.”**

KEDB is a catalyst that develops innovative, effective partnerships with public, private, non-profit, and other community sectors to accomplish shared goals for a strong economy.

# Building a Resilient Community



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## The Need for Co-Op Ranching

- Address food sustainability issues on Kaua'i
- Assist our ranchers in building sustainable businesses





## The Need for Co-Op Ranching

- Remember COVID-19, no half container exports
  - Backup of cattle
  - Less land to sustain cattle
  - As cattle got older, ranchers made less money





## Co-Op Pilot Program

- Food Sustainability
- Cattle will be grain finished, offering local alternative to grass fed “only” beef
- Initial support for 3 local ranchers - Native Hawaiian Legacy
- Ranchers will share equipment and funding sources
- Connect ranchers with business/rancher mentors
- \$100k secured for needed infrastructure, i.e., fencing



## Supporting West Kaua'i

- Give westside community a personal connection to food security
- Integrate Farm to Table activities into school curriculums and work-based-learning



## Supporting West Kaua'i

- Maintain tall grasses to control wildfires - Fire Mitigation
- Provide an alternative evacuation route for Waimea/Kekaha







## **Actions to Support Program**

1. Partner with KAA & DHHL to restore/repair the eastern branch of the Koke'e ditch
  - partners have the equipment/machinery
2. Provide a Conservation Plan
3. Survey boundaries (if required)



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## Our Partners



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**Kekaha Agriculture  
Association**

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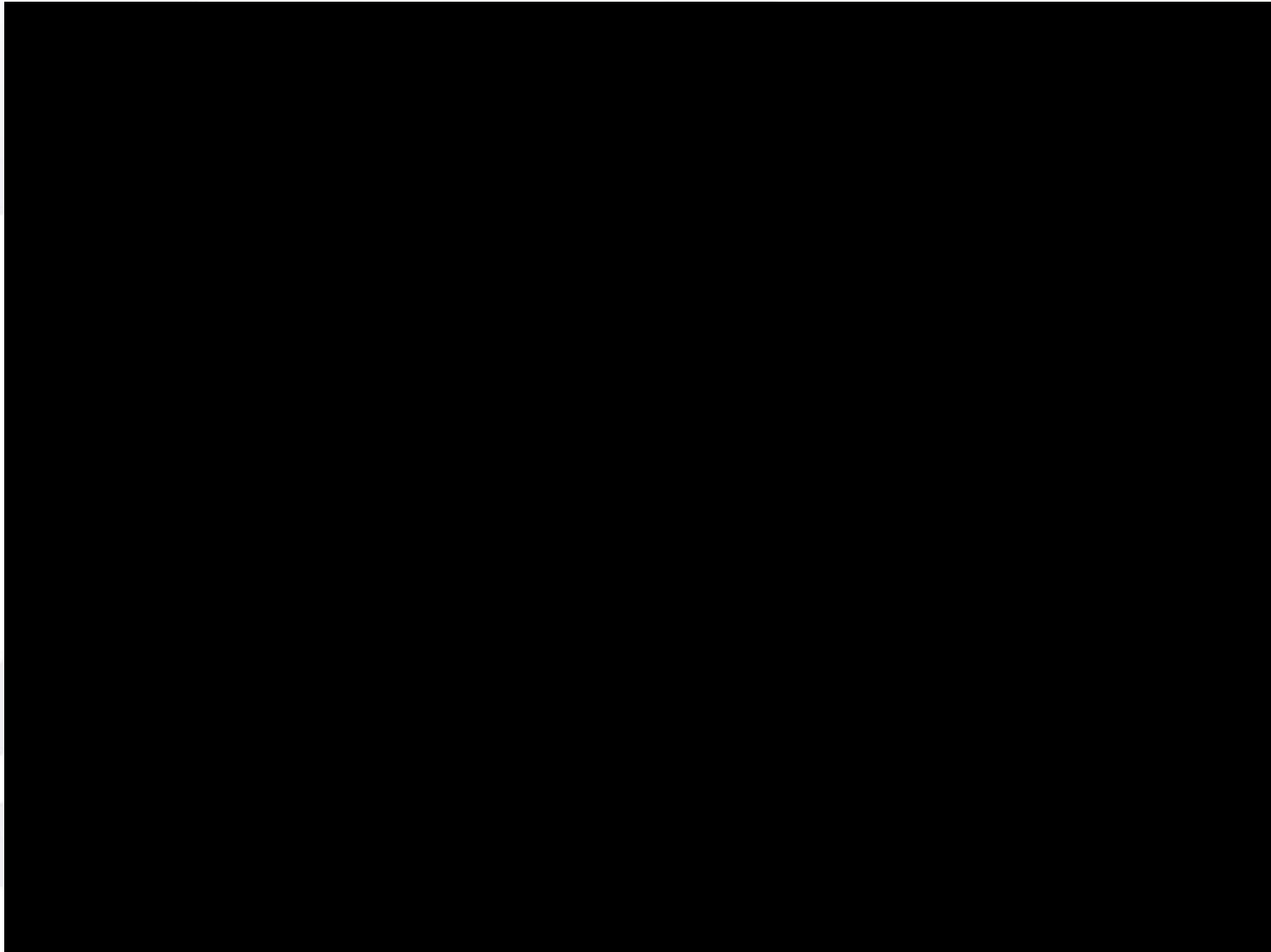
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## **Areas of Choice Available for Agriculture**





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# **Mahalo Nui Loa!**

**Questions?**

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