

A photograph of an agricultural field with stone walls and green plants. The field is divided into sections by low walls made of dark, rounded stones. The plants are lush and green, with some showing signs of aging or damage. The background shows a continuation of the field and a clear sky.

# **Department of Agriculture**

## **FY26 Status Update and FY27 Priorities**

# Overview of FY26 Budget

- Salaries & Wages \$999,907
- Operations \$15,413,100
- Equipment \$8,145





**FY 26**  
**Department of**  
**Agriculture**  
**Programs**



# Food Security



# MAUI NUI 2025 FOOD SUMMIT

## ON OCTOBER 10TH, 2025

Register to attend at  
[tinyurl.com/mauinui2025foodsummit](https://tinyurl.com/mauinui2025foodsummit)  
or follow the QR code:



## Food Security Accomplishments

- Maui Nui Food Summit
- Farm to Family Grant Program
- Lānaʻi Farmers Market
- Lānaʻi Food Stimulus Program
- Developed *Goal to Strengthen Food Systems and Food Access* to add to the Countywide Policy Plan
- Local Food for Kūpuna Program



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# Food Security Programs in Progress

- Food As Medicine Program
- Meat Processing Needs Survey
- Lānaʻi Farmers Market Vendor Survey
- Maui County Farmers Market Story Map
- Food and Nutrition Security Plan Annual Update
- Kaiahahui Foundation's



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# Food Security FY27 Priorities

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- Local Food For Kūpuna Program
- Food as Medicine Program
- Meat Processing Training Program  
& Slaughterhouse support
- Eat Local Maui Challenge
- Middle School Ag Field Day
- Farm to Family
- Food Safety Incentives





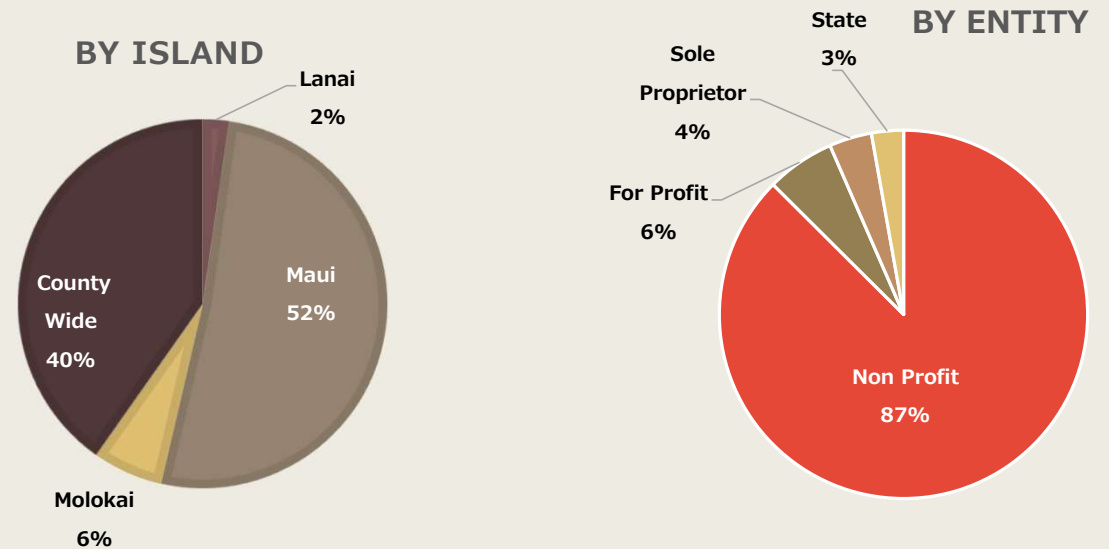
**Agriculture  
Grants  
Program**

# Grants Program Accomplishments

## 61 GRANTS AWARDED

Ag Priorities	3,109,048
Farm to Family	900,000
Line Item	6,218,343
Maui Humane Society	4,059,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,286,391</b>

## GRANTS DISTRIBUTION





## Grants Program In Progress

- Grant Management of 136 active grants
- Improve guidance materials for grant reimbursement requests
- Lānaʻi Food Stimulus Program Grant application



# Grants Program Priorities for FY27

1. Financial Literacy Workshops
2. Mapping of underfunded areas
3. Survey for grant process improvements
4. Develop agriculture funding resources



**Agriculture  
Advocacy  
Program**



## Advocacy Priorities

- Agricultural Infrastructure
- Invasive Species & Environment
- Agricultural Workforce
- Food Security



## Advocacy Program in Progress

- Tracking county and state bills
- Collecting stories and data from local
- Strengthen joint advocacy with partners



## Advocacy Program FY 27 Priorities

- Farmer GAP certification
- Farmer FSMA certification
- County code literacy
- Advocate for subsidies



The image features a large white oval shape centered over a background of a rural landscape. The landscape includes a dirt road on the left, a field of green crops in the foreground, and a blue sky with white clouds. The text 'Agriculture Park Program' is written in a bold, dark brown font across the white oval.

# **Agriculture Park Program**



## Ag. Park Programs in Progress

- Vegetative maintenance
- Booster Pump



## Ag. Park Programs Priorities

- Establish field office and baseyard at KAP
- 2.4 MG Reservoir

An aerial photograph showing a landscape with agricultural fields and a forested area. The fields are divided into sections of red soil and green vegetation. A circular graphic overlay is positioned on the left side of the image, containing the text "Agriculture Conservation Program".

# Agriculture Conservation Program

# Agriculture Conservation Program Goals and Objectives (NRCS grant)

**Goal:** Improve communication and collaboration between conservation and agriculture sectors to strengthen disaster resilience, restore the environment, and support local food production and culture

## Objectives:

- Promote innovative land management solutions for fires, floods, erosion
- Promote cultural and science-based vegetation and restoration management strategies
- Outreach and education

# Agriculture Conservation Projects in Progress

- Axis deer resource web page
- Coordination with watershed working groups
- Coordination with MEMA land management
- Coordination with DWS and partners on water conservation and access
- Protection agricultural lands
- Developing outreach and education
- One on one meetings with farmers and ranchers



# FY27 Agriculture Conservation Program Priorities

- Participate in **AXIS DEER** Working Group
- Support **WATERSHED** restoration projects as a resource
- Assist MEMA with **COUNTY LAND MANAGEMENT** after fuel hazard reduction activities
- Support **WATER CONSERVATION** projects as a resource
- **AG LANDS:** Support IMPERILED AGRICULTURE mapping
- **BIOSECURITY** outreach and education



## Special Project – Feral Chicken Trapping

- Feral chicken nuisances increase and no government agency has oversight
- Department of Agriculture has no enforcement or regulatory power
- \$30.55/chicken trapped





**Mahalo**