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FARMERS, SCIENTISTS DISCUSS FARMING CHALLENGES ON KAUAI

*** Talk story sessions in Kapaa and Waimea designed to encourage meaningful discussion about GMOs and pesticide use ***

WHAT:

"The Farmer Dialogue: Talking Story About Farming, Food and Our Future"

A community forum with farmers and scientists who will talk about the real challenges facing farmers on Kauai, how today's food is grown and raised safely and responsibly, and what tools are used to preserve and protect our lands and resources for future generations. Panelists will share facts about modern agriculture and answer questions from the audience.

WHO:

Panelists include:

- Jerry Ornellas, president, *Kauai Country Farm Bureau*
- Kirby Kester, president-elect, *Hawaii Crop Improvement Association*
- Dr. Dennis Gonsalves, former director, *Pacific Basin Agriculture Research Center*
- Dr. Kevin Folta, *University of Florida – Horticultural Sciences*
- Dr. Steven Savage, *Savage & Associates*

WHEN / WHERE:

Monday, July 29 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Waimea Theater

9691 Kaunualii Hwy., Waimea, HI 96796

Tuesday, July 30 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Kapaa Elementary School, Cafeteria

4886 Kawaihau Rd., Kapaa, HI 96746

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