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#### Objective

A position on the Board of Agriculture for the State of Hawaii

#### Experience

Orchard Superintendent, promoted to Sr. Vice-President Royal Hawaiian Orchards, formerly Ka'u Agribusiness and ML Macadamia Orchards, LP — 1989-2015, retired

- Responsible for day to day operations of a 6,000 acre macadamia nut orchard and overseeing 200 employees
- Responsible for preparing crop forecasts, operating budgets, capital improvements and equipment maintenance
- Responsible for presenting written reports, data and forecasts.

### Orchard Manager

Mauna Loa Macadamia Corporation — 1983- 1989

- Responsible for field operations on a 2,500 acre macadamia nut orchard
- · Responsible for supervising 100 employees
- Responsible for preparing crop forecasts, operating budgets, capital improvements and equipment maintenance

#### Field Superintendent

Mauna Kea Sugar Company — 1980-1983

- Responsible for daily operations on a 25,000 acre sugar plantation
- Responsible for crop forecasts, planting and cultivation schedules, operating budgets, equipment maintenance
- Responsible for overseeing 120 employees

## Foreman and Field Supervisor positions

Mauna Kea Sugar Company — 1973-1980

Started employment as a Weed Control Foreperson overseeing a knapsack sprayer crew of 10, promoted to supervisory positions, and ultimately becoming the Operations Superintendent for 25,000 acres and 120 employees

#### Experimentalist

Hawaii Sugar Planters Association 1971-1972

· Sugar cane research

## Family Operated Farming Businesses

- Edible ginger, Chinese taro and dasheen, vegetable truck crops 1977-1989
- · Cattle Ranching 2000 to present

Agricultural Organizations Hawaii Ag Leadership Foundation

Soil and Water Conservation Districts - Puna and Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts

Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association

Hawaii Farm Bureau served as Vice President 2 years, currently serving as State President

Kinoole Farmers' Market founding member

Moaula Water Cooperative

Cattlemen's Association

Taste of the Hawaiian Range

Education

University of Hawaii - AS Degree Agriculture

Other Training HSPA - sugar cultivation short course

Restricted Pesticide Certification

Ag Leadership Foundation graduate 1983-1984