

KIDS EATING LOCAL

Expanding Hawai'i's Harvest of the Month Program



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The “Kids Eating Local” project unites keiki with Hawai'i's unique, nutritious, and culturally significant local foods/kūpuna crops through tasting experiences and use of the Hawai'i Harvest of the Month (HOM)/Ho'opili 'Ai free online educational resources.

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55 SCHOOLS

O'ahu (28), **Hawai'i Island** (16), **Maui** (9), and **Kaua'i** (2), of which 55% were Title I schools.



7,500+ REACHED

including students, teachers, and families, which may be a conservative estimate based on the number of possible people served per box. A total of **174 classroom boxes** (est. 25-100 per box) and **39 cafeteria boxes** (est. 75-100 per box) were distributed.



4,242 LBS OF FOOD

including 30 lbs of **'Ulu**, 756 lbs of **Kalo**, 3,331 lbs of **'Uala**, and 125 lbs of **Pala'ai**. All food was locally grown and provided by the Hawai'i 'Ulu Cooperative, which is a local food hub and farmer-owned co-op that sources from over 160 farms on 3 islands.

“The students loved eating and learning about `ulu. This program added a **priceless connection to the Hawaiian Studies lessons**, especially the mo`olelo and self sustainability awareness. ...I hope they continue to spread the word and someday become **stewards of the land.**”

– Classroom Teacher



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