

# Our Journey Begins

Progress is being made toward our goal of getting as much of our former sugar lands as possible transitioned to successful diversified agricultural operations.

The HC&S lands are uniquely positioned to succeed in diversified agriculture. They are contiguous, have existing water infrastructure, are close to sea and air cargo facilities, and have access to a strong labor base. It will take the state, county, community and A&B all working together to make diversified agriculture viable in Central Maui, and overcome the many challenges inherent to farming.



**Ranching** - Working with local ranchers, we are expanding our pasture trials for grass-fed beef from 29 acres to nearly 4,000 acres. Grazing on irrigated pastures means Maui ranchers can keep more beef in Hawaii to serve local markets.



**Farming** - We are under contract to grow energy crops for a clean energy project at the county's wastewater treatment facility. We are planting trials of energy crops for local biofuel production and working with local growers seeking to expand their current operations. We are also working to establish an agricultural park open to local farmers to grow food crops.



**Stewardship** - We are diverting only the water necessary for our current ag operations and we continue to use highly efficient irrigation systems. We are working with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service to prioritize soil conservation and health, and we are maintaining essential staff and equipment to manage lands for future agricultural use.

