



TASTE Awards 2015 Finalist

Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award

1	Dennis Teranishi, former CEO and Vice Chairman of Hawaiian Host.
	Dennis Teranishi was with Hawaiian Host for 14 years and supported agricultural growth in U.S. and Asia Pacific throughout his career. In 1993, recognized as an outstanding alumnus of CTAHR at the University of Hawaii. In 2010 received the Foreign Minister's Commendation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for making significant contribution in promoting understand and cooperation between Japan and foreign countries.
2	FCH Enterprises (Zippy's)
	Founded in 1966, Francis and Charles Higa opened their first Zippy's restaurant on King Street in Honolulu. In 2001, FCH Enterprises was created to host a family of brands including Zippy's Restaurants, Napoleon's Bakery, Pomaika'i Ballrooms, A Catered Experience, and Food Solutions International. Through Food Solutions International, they produced and sell ready-to-eat products here in Hawaii and the mainland US.
3	Maui's Winery
	Maui's Winery is the Valley Isle's sole commercial winery boasting a varied selection of wines including sparkling, pineapple, grape and our coveted raspberry dessert wine. With hard work, attention to detail and the pursuit of excellence, Maui's Winery continues to be a successful and thriving agricultural business and popular visitor destination.
4	Roselani Ice Cream
	Producing ice cream from scratch on Maui since 1932, this division of the Nobriga-family owned and operated Maui Soda & Ice Works, Ltd. was branded Roselani in 1970. Today, the Tropics line of 12 flavors is sold in 56-oz. cartons at all major supermarkets and many smaller retail outlets statewide; a total of more than 40 flavors are available at scooping parlors, hotels, restaurants and other food service establishments throughout the islands.



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INNOVATE HAWAII Manufacturer of the Year - Large Company (50 & More)

1	Aloha Shoyu
	<p>In 1946, a small shoyu (soy sauce) manufacturing plant was established in Kalihi, Hawaii by five local Japanese families amidst post World War II. Aloha Shoyu Company has survived through competition to become one of today's market leaders in Soy Sauce sales in Hawaii. Aloha Shoyu continues to expand its line of quality products which now includes teriyaki sauce, sushi no tomo vinegar, barbecue sauce, white distilled vinegar, aloha soy sauce, apple cider flavored vinegar, lower salt soy sauce, and somen tsuyu noodle sauce. Tradition, local roots, and flavor make Aloha Shoyu products a favorite among Hawaiian islanders and visitors alike, so serve up your next favorite dish with a little Aloha.</p>
2	Hawaiian Host
	<p>Hawaiian Host is Hawaii's original brand and originator of chocolate covered macadamias. Created with dry roasted Hawaii grown macadamias and a secret blend of rich milk chocolate, Hawaiian Host has become "Hawaii's Gift to the World ®." Over the years, their products have become synonymous to Hawai'i, products that perpetuate the Aloha spirit. Today, Hawaiian Host markets more than 250 unique macadamia chocolates and other candies in more than 23 countries.</p>
3	HC&S and the Maui Brand Sugar brand
	<p>With roots dating back to the late 1800s, Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company's agricultural heritage has played an important role in shaping Maui's past and growing its future. HC&S has been part of the Maui community for more than 140 years—as a major employer, significant economic contributor, and supporter of community needs. Today, they are still one of Maui's largest employers, providing jobs for 800 local residents. They provide an economic benefit of over \$250 million each year, including \$100 million in payroll, benefits and vendor purchases, to Maui's economy, as well as donate over \$400,000 each year to support many causes and organizations across Maui.</p>
4	Honolulu Cookie Company
	<p>Starting in 1998, Honolulu Cookie Company designs, develops, manufactures, markets, and distributes premium shortbread cookies through 16 company-owned retail locations as well as e-commerce, wholesale and corporate channels to visitors of Hawaii and cookie connoisseurs worldwide. In 2014, Honolulu Cookie Company manufactured a record-breaking 64 million cookies, right here in Honolulu, using premium ingredients and as many locally sourced materials as possible. The unprecedented growth was made possible by over 200 new hires and multimillion dollar investments in new baking equipment, facility improvements, delivery fleet upgrade and retail expansion in Maui, Las Vegas and Seoul, South Korea.</p>



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INNOVATE Hawaii Manufacturer of the Year - Small Company (50 & Less)

1	Aloha Tofu Factory, Inc.
	<p>Since 1950, Aloha Tofu Factory, Inc. has been manufacturing the freshest tofu in the islands. The first generation founders, Kamesaburo and Tsuruko Uyehara, like many immigrants to the islands, poured their heart and soul into creating products that the local population could enjoy. Through the second generation and up to the third, they honor their legacy by producing traditional tofu products that many Japanese visitors call, "nostalgic"...By focusing on customers and employees, they hope to continue this tradition of honoring the past as they move towards the future! They recently expanded operations to a space at Dole Cannery to produce fried products, offer new ways to enjoy tofu, soymilk and okara and provide new opportunities for the community.</p>
2	Aloha Hawaiian Store (Original Donkey Ball Store)
	<p>This Big Island, Hawaii manufacturer produce their products out of their factory in Kainaliu. They've recently added 1200 square feet of production facility that allowe for a growth of 30% more employees, increased store front sales of 25% and increased wholesale sales by 30%. Their new products include shortbread cookies and bite size turtles.</p>
3	Hawaii Popcorn Company
	<p>Through innovative marketing and focus on branding, Hawaii Popcorn Company entered into the Japan market with diversified retailers including JTB, Village Vanguard, Sony Plaza, and all 20 Costco locations in Japan. Founded in 1991, with a little popcorn pushcart located in Kaneohe, Hawaii they've grown their product line here in Hawaiian beyond.</p>
4	Koloa Rum
	<p>Kōloa Rum Company is a premium, single-batch craft distiller of Hawaiian Rum on the island of Kaua`i and operates Hawaii's first distilled spirits Tasting Room & Company Store at Kilohana Plantation near Lihue. The Company's multiple award-winning portfolio includes premium Kaua`i White, Gold, Dark, Spice and Coconut Rum and Ready-to-Drink Kōloa Mai Tai Cocktail and Rum Punch and Hawaiian Kukui Mai Tai Mix. Since production and bottling commenced in September 2009, Kōloa Rum products have garnered over 17 Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in four consecutive international rum and spirits competitions, including the Miami Rum Renaissance Festival, San Francisco and Los Angeles International World Spirits Competition. Withover 20 employees they sale and distribute product in Hawaii, Mainland US, Canda, Australia, Europe, and Asia.</p>
5	Mulvadi Corporation
	<p>The Mulvadi repertoire grew from 100% Kona Coffee, Kona Coffee Blends, Hawaiian Macadamia Nuts, Cookies and Aloha Wear to include health products such as Noni Juice. In the last 5 years they have seen growth in sales upwards of 79%. They have expanded their operations to include distribution channels for other manufacturers and recently merged with Oils of Aloha.</p>



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Start-up Manufacturer of the Year (2009-2014)

1	Island Distillers
	Island Distillers was born from the idea that excellent spirits could be made right here in Hawaii from our abundant natural resources and perfect climate. Perfected after extensive research and production, 100 proof Hawaiian Moonshine is a version of Okolehao, a liquor unique to Hawaiian Islands.
2	Mana Ai
	In 2009, Mana Ai became the first traditional hand-pounded poi business in the modern era. Their innovation is really a return to traditional methods of preparing pa'i'ai so that it is shelf-stable without preservatives and can be kept without refrigeration. Through advocacy initiative Mana Ai pushed to legalize the sale of hand pounded poi in 2011. They have worked to refine manufacturing practices so that there is zero waste. Taro skin becomes vermicast; overripe taro is used as "koena," creating a new taro product for local chefs to use, and perfectly ripe taro is pounded into pa'i'ai and sold locally and sent across the world. Their business produces hand-pounded pa'i'ai that has been shipped as far as Afghanistan and Iraq. They have modernized traditional packaging methods, and their product sold on local shelves such as at Whole Foods is wrapped sustainably, using hand-picked ti leaf and raffia.
3	Manulele Distillers (Kohana Rum)
	Starting in 2011, Manulele Distillers makes Kō Hana Hawaiian Agricole Rum. Hawaii's first rum made exclusively from heirloom, native Hawaiian sugar cane that is grown, hand-harvested, pressed to juice, fermented, distilled, and bottled all on Oahu in their facilities and farms. No refined sugar or molasses are ever used in their products.
4	Maui Gold Pineapple Company
	Maui Gold® is a premium-quality fresh pineapple with extra sweetness, low acidity, and golden juicy flesh. Available year-round, this superior variety was developed over fifty years of careful, selective cross-breeding in Hawaii. Hand-selected by experienced farmers, Maui Gold® fruits are harvested at the peak of their ripeness. Maui Gold has expanded to provide ready-to-eat pineapple products here in Hawaii and Asia.
5	Pau Maui Vodka
	Purely Hawaiian Vodka Handcrafted in small batches by Haliimaile Distilling Company, Pau Maui vodka is the essence of purity and cleanliness. Every ingredient that goes into the vodka is born on the islands, and the utmost in care is taken to ensure purity at every stage of the process.



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Product of the Year

1	Hawaiian Chip Company - Kilauea Fire Hot Sauce.
	With their own unique blend, Hawaiian Chip Company's Kilauea Fire Hot Sauce blends the great flavor of their signature BBQ sauce, with an extra hot volcanic kick!
2	HK Corporation - Maui Onion and Paniolo Grill Seasonings
	Known for its trace mineral content, reduced sodium, and balanced tastes that these seasonings complement gourmet foods. They are also preferred by many well-known gourmet chefs. These seasonings are Natural, GMO free, and Allergen free. Distribution of these products are in through specialty stores (USA) & 14 other countries.
3	Honolulu Cookie Company - 2014 Holiday Collection
	The driving force behind the company's record breaking success was the 2014 Holiday Collection that featured new peppermint-flavored cookies in innovative packaging. Our peppermint cookies presented a wonderful opportunity for a delicious cookie, but a problematic addition to our traditional recipe. Heading our team of bakers, Ahmad Yu used his background in food sciences to reformulate the baking process so that the natural moisture in crushed peppermint morsels would not cause the rest of the cookie to break, nor would the peppermint flavor move to any other cookie. This worked to create a perfect combination of our buttery shortbread cookies with a subtle but effervescent taste of peppermint. To present this new flavor, we needed equally ingenious packaging. Carla Stone, our Lead Product Developer, designed a two-tiered hinge box with elements inspired by classic hatboxes and jewelry boxes, that opens horizontally to fully display the assortment of cookies. It is an excellent example of matching the brand's premium product with a beautifully high-end presentation.
4	Island Distillers- Hawaiian Moonshine
	Perfected after extensive research and production, 100 proof Hawaiian Moonshine is Island Distillers' version of Okolehao, liquor unique to the Hawaiian Islands of the late 18th Century. The goal was to produce an authentic Hawaiian Spirit: smooth, strong, and pure and simple.
5	Maui Winery - Lokelani Sparkling Rose
	Maui Winery Lokelani Sprarking Rose was the Gold medal winner at the 2014 Los Angeles International Wine Competition. Inspired by the island flower of Maui, The Lokelani is a perfect balance of liveliness and elegance with the ideal balance of flavor and acidity.



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Advocate of the Year

1	Joseph Burns, Small Business Development Corp.
	<p>As the Director of the Hawaii Small Business Development Center's Oahu office, Joseph Burns works directly with HFMA member companies and other food manufacturers and local companies to improve their performance. These activities include positioning companies for developing export markets, access to capital, and financial reporting system development, among others. Under his leadership, the SBDC also provides training for food manufacturing startup companies, in cooperation with partners such as the ChefZone and Kapiolani Community College. Mr. Burns continues to work on food infrastructure improvement efforts, such as commercial produce irradiation, the Whitmore Project for farmland reclamation, and a new bottling plant on the Big Island, among other projects.</p>
2	Bernie Coleman, Pacific Allied Products.
	<p>Pacific Allied Products has been manufacturing products made with polyethylene terephthalate (PET) for Hawaii bottling industry since 1992. With the installation of our water line in 2010, they became the only company in Hawaii vertically integrated manufacturing facility to produce plastic preforms for soda, juice, milk, and water bottles; mold the preforms into containers of various shapes and sizes; rinse, fill and cap the bottles; and then label, shrink wrap and palletize the final products all under one roof. Bernie Coleman, is the chair for the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii-Manufacturers initiative, sits on the board of directors for the National Association for Manufacturers, and also sits on the board of the Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association.</p>
3	Byron Goo, The Tea Chest
	<p>Byron Goo advocates for the value added foods industry while testifying at the legislature, participating in panel discussions on manufacturing and representing food manufacturers on the Hawaii Pacific Export Council. As President of the Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association, Byron has devoted time and energy to restructure and revitalize the organization. With support from the Board of Directors, he implemented the Advisory Council made up of diverse stakeholders. HFMA now works with 11 key collaborators and resource partners to carry out its mission to educate and to advocate on behalf of the industry and its benefactors and to promote Hawaiian food products to an international audience. Byron ignited the creation of the TASTE Awards presented by HFMA to recognize distinguished accomplishments and innovation within the industry. Such honor helps to promote the efforts of our members but also helps to raise public awareness of food manufacturing's vital role to Hawaii's economy.</p>
4	Ken Kanter - Douglas Trade Show
	<p>Through Ken Kanter and the Douglas Trade Show, they host the Hawaii Lodging and Toursim Expo that allows local food Manufacturers the ability to market their product to the Hospitality industry.</p>



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5	Teena Rasmussen - Maui County Office of Economic Development
	The creation and hosting of the Made In Maui County Festival. The fair is for qualified Made in Hawaii vendors. Info about last years very successful event is at MadeinMauiCountyFestival.com

Supplier of the Year

1	HFM Foodservice
	HFM FoodService is a leading Pacific region and statewide wholesale foodservice distributor. We provide the finest quality groceries and supplies for foodservice operators across the Hawaiian Islands, Marshall/Marianas, and Guam.
2	EdSung Food Service
	Since 1946, Edsung Foodservice has been "First in Service," as Hawaii's family-owned and operated broadline foodservice distributor. Our company's mission is centered on our customers who are partners. We dedicate ourselves to providing quality products, Service with Aloha and product solutions that deliver customers' success.
3	Inovi Technologies
	Inovi Group is dedicated to enhancing the impact of innovative businesses and organizations in Hawaii. The Inovi Group fills many roles and works with a diverse range of clients. Through a unique approach based on extensive experience in strategic consulting and design thinking, we help our clients blend intuition and analysis, leading towards innovative, impactful, and sustainable initiatives. They support industry through increasing food safety and awareness of pathogens
4	Pacific Rim Packaging
	Since 1994, Pacific Rim Packaging, Inc. has been building strong customer alliances by offering innovative packaging ideas and systems coupled with unyielding customer service through out Hawaii and the Pacific Rim. Our production partners use state-of-the-art technologies to manufacture everything from plain brown corrugated boxes and bags to applying full color graphics to various packaging mediums (corrugated boxes, folding cartons, bags of all kinds and films) using flexo, litho, and roto gravure printing processes.
5	Rengo Packaging
	At Rengo Packaging, our professional and experienced team offers a combined 180 years of corrugated packaging experience and is well positioned to support packaging requirements with a reliable source of quality products at competitive prices. Their new \$50 million state of the art corrugated box plant products Hawaiian Companies with their packaging needs.



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Community Service Award

1	Kualoa Ranch
	One of the primary objectives for Kualoa is the preservation of its Agriculture and Conservation zoned land. Kualoa Ranch, it's owners and employees all work towards this goal of environmental preservation and sustainability by conducting complimentary activities on the 3,850 acre property.
2	Inovi Technologies
	Supporting community through increasing awareness on food safety and reducing pathogens at home. 1) CTAHR Roadshow 4 islands reaching over 350 farmers, DOA, DOH 2) State Farm Fair - Spoke to over 400 parents on the importance of washing fruits and vegetables to reduce foodborne pathogens and pesticides.
3	Mana Ai
	Since its inception in 2009, the 'Ohana Mana Ai has been committed to kalo education in the community. In its first year, they started community ku'i (taro pounding) nights at Waipao, Kaneohe, partnering with others in the community to provide ku'i equipment for families to make their own poi. Mana Ai's founders and interns have been involved in starting ku'i clubs in high schools, and since 2011, they have volunteered with their sister non-profit, Hui Aloha Aina Momona to provide ku'i workshops for families and organizations, slab trees for papa ku'i'ai, and hold workshops on board and stone making. They have partnered with Onipa'a Na Hui Kalo to do workdays at farms around the state, and worked with Malama Makua and the Taro Task Force. They have also volunteered at high schools such as Halau Ku Mana, Kamehameha Schools, Halau Lokahi and Waianae High School.
4	Meadow Gold
	Meadow Gold's community involvement includes key signature events/partnerships with Honolulu Zoo, American Youth Soccer Organization since 1974, Hawaii Invitational Marching Band since 1979, Children Discovery Center and other endeavors with Career Technical Education Competition, American Heart Association, and the University of Hawaii Athletics – Wahine Soccer.
5	So Ono Food Products
	So Ono believes their success is driven by their commitment to support the local community. In February of 2014, they supported the Great Aloha Run, participating as a sponsor of the Finish Line Party at Aloha Stadium. In October of 2014, So Ono's associates supported Making Strides for Breast Cancer by raising nearly \$1,000 through donations and fundraisers for the American Cancer Society. Then over 50 So Ono Associates and family took to the streets and did the 5K walk over the Ford Island bridge to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. In December of 2014, So Ono supported Easter Seals Hawaii Gingerbread Family Festival providing logistics, supplies, and volunteers to help put on Easter Seals Hawaii's largest fundraiser.



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Innovative Marketing Award

1	Diamond Bakery
	As an innovative Marketing program, Diamond Bakery launched a social media campaign to use their Official Diamond Cracker song lyrics set to user creative music. Videos were upladed to social media websites and then voted upon by the general public.
2	Douglas Trade Shows
	Through the Hospitality and Lodging Expo, Douglas Trade Shows provides manufacturers with a way to market and showcase their company or products to the Hospitality and food service industry.
3	FCH Enterprises
	Zippy's Restaurants has become synonymous as a household name in Hawaii and beyond. FCH Enterprises expanded their products through Foods Solutions International to bring their special chilli and other products to the consumers home both in Hawaii and beyond.
4	Honolulu Cookie Company
	Through their expansion efforts Honolulu Cookie Company has added additional retail locations to spand their reach from Hawaii through the mainland US. Their unique recipes paired with they stylish design allows them to stand apart.