

Mike Fitzgerald, Hanalei Taro, Hanalei, July 19, 2011

- Discussed planting and harvesting cycle for taro
- 27 acre farm with about 15 acres in taro at any point in time
- Farm is within National Wildlife Refuge
- USFWS recently installed fence to try to keep pigs out of taro
- Taro farming is hard work, but small labor force
- Discussed poi processing and distribution
- Noted apple snails on taro plants
- Nene (Hawaiian Goose) and numerous other swimming and wading birds in evidence

