
Jehu Fuller, Kauai Meat Company, July 21, 2011

- Provides meat processing, marketing and other services for ranchers raising grass fed beef
- Originated as part of Andrade Ranch; still processes beef from Andrade Ranch, but now represents and serves other ranchers raising grass fed cows
- New ownership and management in place for eight months
- Has been supplying Whole Foods on mainland through a finishing operation in Oregon, but long sailing time in containers has been an issue and will soon preclude this because of limits on time spent in transit to retain "organic" label
- There are several ranches on Kauai raising grass fed cattle
- There is enough demand on Kauai to consume local grass fed beef supply
- A major issue has been slaughtering capacity
- May add pork processing to operations
- Employs five part time and six fulltime employees
- Currently planning to expand "chill" capacity
- Transportation is important, but no major issues right now
- Employee transportation and commuting are always issues

