

# Big Island Dairy





# WHY DID WE COME TO HAWAII?





# OPPORTUNITY

- \* Milk Deficit Area
- \* Quota System to offset Volatility
- \* Excellent Climate for milk production
- \* Ag Friendly

# CHALLENGES

- \* Cost of Production
- \* Lack of Dairy infrastructure
- \* Labor pool with no dairy background
- \* FEED- cost and lack of availability

# Raising Corn in Hawaii

## Challenges-

- Weather
- Terrain
- Crop Rotation

## Opportunities-

- 3 crops per year
- Feed consistency
- Economic Benefit























# IMPORTANCE OF CORN

- \* Silage is currently 34% of our ration, soon to be 41 %.
- \* Possibility of doing Earlage to replace grain corn in the ration. Potential of raising 63% of feed.
- \* Grain Corn costs have increased 23 % in the last 6 weeks.

# What's Next?

- \* State of the Art facility to milk 2000 COWS
- \* Sustainability and Efficiency
- \* Higher protein forage as rotation crop
- \* Additional land for corn production

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