Creating a Viable Agriculture Economy

Hawai'i Island's main challenge in terms of the agricultural industry is the large geography and lack of multi-crop value-added infrastructure. Produce must go from farm to processing, to value-adding to storage, to final destination, and all of these are scattered throughout the county. **Farms** Laboratory Diagnostics **Agriculture Hub** Composting **Agricultural Facility Processing** Storage Packing Agriculture **Technology** (Accelerator, Incubator, Certified Kitchen, Food Manufacturing, **Storage** Food Packaging) **Facility** Building the infrastructure for **PRODUCE** (Dry, Cold, Frozen) value-added agriculture technology will contribute to our sustainability and self-reliance goals while at the same time providing opportunity for higher-margin products to offset the high risk and low margins of commodity agriculture production. It would be a much needed **Final Destination** solution that would stimulate economic development. (Wholesale, Retail, Export, Consumer)