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## HILO COFFEE MILL



## Background:

Established in 2001, Hilo Coffee Mill is a farm, mill, and casual cafe that nestles in 24 verdant acres of Mountain View on Hawai'i Island. This solar-powered farm-to-table treasure has added East Hawai'i to the roster of best coffee-growing regions worldwide.

## Highlights:

- They grow coffee, cacao, papaya, and avocados while being home to 70 (or so) free-range chickens, all of which freshly supplies their cafe and Saturday Farmers' Market.
- One local farmer uses the discarded coffee bean hulls as bedding for his hay-allergic horse.
- They sell their own soil made from waste back to their suppliers, an important input for the shallow lava rock soils of Puna, and a great example of the circular economy.
- Large grid-tied solar array.
- Compostable takeout containers.

