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The 2015 second place $15,000 winner was Counter Culture Foods (CCF), a seed-to-culinary, fermented foods producer to be based on a 5-acre KS’ land parcel on the North Shore of O‘ahu. Proprietor Rob Barrera will offer raw probiotic kimchi and tempah as their primary products. Since winning the contest, CCF can be found at the Wai‘anae Valley (Thursday, 2-4 p.m.) and Pearlridge (Saturday, 8 a.m.-Noon) Farm Markets, and also at the Kāne‘ohe Sunset Market (Mondays-Saturdays, 6 a.m.-noon) and in Kailua (Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-Noon). Visit counterculturehawaii.com.

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The second place $15,000 winner was Kaunamanohi Farms, located on K‘ai’s lands, a 22.8-acre parcel in Uxmauma. Owner Brandon Lee produces organic Berkshire pork utilizing Japanese methods of raising pigs and farms chickens and pigmy goats. He also has started planting fruit trees. Lee is working to reduce and eventually eliminate use of off-site food sources. Follow Lee on Instagram @kaunamanohi.

Kohola Sunrise Farm, located on K‘ai’s lands, a 43.8-acre parcel on Molokai, the organic mango orchards plans to partner with educational programs, teaching the community about Hawaiian-based farming practices.

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