Little Fire Ant Update 1-22-15

On September 18, 2014, a crew from the Maui Invasive Species Committee was controlling miconia when they discovered an infestation of little fire ants in Nāhiku. Subsequent surveys revealed that the infestation covers about 20 acres, stretching about 1.5 miles from above Hāna Highway to the ocean. Along the Hāna Highway the infested area is very small, limited to a drainage.

Treatment in Nahiku:

- The Hawai'i Ant Lab did the first treatment at the Nāhiku infestation on **Monday, January 5th**.
- The highest priority was to treat areas where the ant could be spread by people, such as along roadsides and near houses.
- The next treatment is scheduled for mid-February. Treatments will continue on a 6-week schedule.

Report small unusual orange ants!

No matter where you get potted plants, mulch, or other material that could contain little fire ants, quarantine and test before you plant. Instructions for how to test are at lfahawaii.org.

Report any strange orange ants to the Maui Invasive Species Committee - 573-6472 or Hawai'i Department of Agriculture's statewide hotline - 643-PEST



Little fire ants on noni fruit. Photo by Cas Vanderwoude