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Evaluation of New Taro Varieties Resistant to Taro Leaf Blight in Hawaii

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SUMMARY

Taro Leaf Blight (TLB) resistant variety trials are being conducted throughout the State on Hawaii Island, Maui, Molokai and Oahu. The varieties being evaluated are 1016-03, 1003-03, 1003-13, 1024-209, 1024-209 and 1005-84. On Maui, a Keanae grower evaluated three varieties 1003-3, TC1005-35, 1005-84 in wetland conditions. The varieties were evaluated for growth habit, color and taste. The variety 1003-3 was the most desirable with good flavor, eating quality and color. The other two varieties had poor growth habit with high production of runners.

