

**Subject:** Re: Request for state locations for watercress production  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 1:47:18 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
**From:** Cathy Tarutani  
**To:** Nollen, Laura  
**CC:** Mike Kawate, James Jay Farrar, Matt Enrico Baur

Greetings Laura,

In Hawaii, watercress is grown in flooded-field conditions in the Aiea and Pearl City areas of the island of Oahu and in Kaenae on Maui.

On Hawaii Island (the "Big Island"), there is a grower of upland watercress; this crop is not grown under flooded conditions.

Additionally, on Oahu (in Nanakuli and Mililani) and in Keaau on Hawaii Island, there are some hydroponic and aquaponic watercress production operations.

I apologize for the delay in the response. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Aloha,  
Cathy

On 8/12/2015 4:31 AM, Nollen, Laura wrote:

Good Morning Cathy and Mark,

The EPA is going through the fourth phase of crop group revisions in the Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR 180.41, and this phase proposes to include watercress as a member of Crop Subgroup 4-15 B (represented by mustard greens). The Agency is discussing potential implementation issues, and we are attempting to gather information about where watercress is being grown in order to better understand and characterize potential environmental and drinking water impacts from this use.

To that end, I was curious whether you had information that could identify where watercress is being grown in your states of Hawaii and Florida?

The proposed rule for these changes was published in the Federal Register, [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), in docket: EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0766.

I appreciate your help.

Regards,

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