

David G Rietow
Agricon Hawaii, Inc.
President



David Rietow has been involved in Hawaii's agriculture for the past 40 years, primarily with diversified crops. He is a graduate of Arizona State University with a B.S. degree in Agronomy.

Rietow is the president of Agricon Hawaii, Inc. He is also president, treasurer, and a director of Agro Resources, Inc., an agribusiness management and farming company located on the island of Hawaii.

His experience includes operations management for Pineapple, cut flowers, macadamia and tropical fruit. Within the scope of operations management is project planning and economic analysis for tropical crops, irrigation design and installation, and water systems management.

Rietow is a former president and CEO of Mac Farms of Hawaii Inc., a fully integrated macadamia business (2006-2008).

He was formerly vice president and secretary of the Tropical Connection, one of Hawaii's largest growers/marketers of tropical flowers and foliage. He was responsible for all facets of production and developed unique packing material concepts aimed at reducing transit stress associated with the shipping of cut tropical flowers and foliage. Rietow was instrumental in the development of marketing that was, at the time, unique to the floral industry.

Rietow was formerly vice president for production (1979-1985) with Mac Farms of Hawaii. In this capacity he managed the company's orchards and processing operations in South Kona, Hawaii. Mac Farms was then one of the world's largest grower/producer of macadamia nuts.

Prior to joining Mac Farms, Rietow was the Field Establishment Department manager for Maui Pineapple Company, Ltd. At Maui Pine, he was responsible for all facets of field preparation at the company's Haliimaile Division.

Rietow is a former president of the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association, former chairman of the Board of the Hawaii Employers Mutual Insurance Company, a former director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, and a former member of the Board of Governors of the Hawaii Employer's Council.