Delta Farm Forum to highlight area agriculture

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Farmers and others interested in the latest agricultural developments are invited to the annual Delta Farm Forum Feb. 28.

Area producers and representatives from the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service and a variety of state and federal agencies will provide information about a variety of agricultural topics. These include the 2008 farm bill and loan program opportunities, berm row removal, Alaska Division of Agriculture grants and activities, and an update on fertilizer availability and price. Franci Havemeister, director of the Division of Agriculture, will talk about building a sustainable agriculture industry in the state.

The forum, in Delta High School small gym, is co-sponsored by the Delta District Extension and the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District. Ruby Hollembaek of the Alaska Interior Game Ranch will welcome participants at 9 a.m. and the forum will run to 3 p.m., with a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. A complete schedule is linked from the Extension website, at www.uaf.edu/ces.

The local 4-H group, DJ Saddletramps, and the local FFA chapter will serve as masters of ceremony. Several ag-related businesses and groups will set up in the hallway to provide information and answer questions.

For more information, call the Delta Extension office at 895-4215.