Delta Farm Forum scheduled for Feb. 27

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Fairbanks, Alaska—Farmers, researchers and representatives of agriculture agencies will gather Feb. 27 for the annual Delta Farm Forum.

Speakers will talk about the latest agricultural research and developments. Daniel Consenstein, the new state executive director of the USDA Farm Service Agency, will open the forum at 9 a.m. Saturday and events will run until 4 p.m. in the Delta High School small gymnasium.

Researchers Bob Van Veldhuizen from the UAF School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences and Dennis Fielding of the USDA Agricultural Research Service will talk about cereals research and black grass bugs. Other speakers include Bethel producer Tim Meyers, who will address sustainable community agriculture, and Delta farmer Frank Borman, who will talk about his wind machine and “powering through a frost.”

Participants on an afternoon panel will discuss Conservation Reserve Program management decisions. Updates also will be given on the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District and Alaska Division of Agriculture activities.

During the forum, Tanana District 4-H agent Marla Lowder and the DJ Saddletramps will host a 4-H roundup/open house in the Delta High School large gym.

A potluck luncheon will begin around noon. More details about the forum are available on a flyer linked at www.uaf.edu/ces.

The 2010 Delta Forum is co-sponsored by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service and the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District. For more information, call Extension at 895-4215 or the conservation district at 895-6279.

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