Delta Farm Forum scheduled for Feb. 26

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Fairbanks, Alaska—Farmers, researchers and representatives of agricultural agencies will gather Feb. 26 for the annual Delta Farm Forum.

The forum is designed to help producers with crop production information, research results and agricultural agency updates. Ed Fogels, deputy commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, will welcome participants at 9 a.m. in the Delta High School small gymnasium and presentations will run until 4 p.m.

Bob Bishop, the export/logistics manager from Larsen Farms of Dubois, Idaho, will talk about lab-tested, disease-free seed potato exports. Other morning speakers will address phosphorus and potassium fertilizer trials, the Fort Greely biofuels proposal, canola production and Environmental Protection Agency fuel storage regulations.

Franci Havemeister, director of the Alaska Division of Agriculture, will open the afternoon session with agency updates. Other speakers will talk about the HomeGrown Market in Fairbanks, the flavor of barley flour and the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Delta FFA chapter and the DJ Saddletramps 4-H club will serve as masters of ceremonies for the forum and will assist with the program. The Saddletramps also will host the second annual 4-H roundup/open house in the high school large gym during the forum.

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

The 2011 Delta Farm 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’s Delta office at 895-4215 or the conservation district at 895-6279.

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