Delta Farm Forum scheduled for Feb. 22

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Fairbanks, Alaska—The annual Delta Farm Forum on Feb. 22 will highlight topics of interest to farmers and small producers.

The forum draws area growers and the community together to hear about the latest research, recommendations and agricultural agency news. The forum, which includes a potluck lunch, usually draws more than 100 participants.

Fred Schlutt, director of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service, will welcome participants at 9 a.m., and presentations will run until 3:30 p.m. in the Delta Junction High School small gymnasium.

Ed Fogels, deputy commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, will talk about food security. Bryce Wrigley, president of the Alaska Farm Bureau, will discuss proposed state legislation, an Environmental Protection Agency ruling that affects wetlands, new feed and grain regulations, and biofuels.

Delta vegetable grower Nellie Troit will talk about her experiences with high tunnels and the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service's high tunnel program. Other topics will include crop insurance, private forest land management opportunities and the conservation district’s noxious weed program. A full agenda is linked at www.uaf.edu/ces.

The UAF Cooperative Extension Service and the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District are co-sponsoring the 37th annual forum. For more information, call Extension’s Delta office at 895-4215 or the conservation district at 895-6279.

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