

Press Release
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2011 Delta Farm Forum Set for Saturday, February 26th
From the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Cooperative Extension Service

The Delta Farm Forum offers a wide variety of topics for this year's event. The Delta FFA Chapter and the DJ Saddletramps (4-H) will act as Master of Ceremony and assist with several aspects of the program.

The "Welcome" address will be delivered by Deputy Commissioner Ed Fogels with the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Meghan Lene, Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District (SDSWCD) Meghan will discuss her Phosphorus and Potassium Fertilizer trials. Todd Hayden – Kaya, Inc. will present information on Ft. Greely's Bio Fuels Proposal. Bob Bishop Export/Logistics Manager, Larson Farms (ID) will delivery information regarding Lab-Tested Disease-Free Seed Potato Exports. Followed by Gary Sonnichson who will give a Canola Update. Last presentation prior to lunch is from the Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) Catherine Hadley, she will report on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Fuel Storage Regulations.

The potluck luncheon will begin around noon. Main meat dishes, scalloped potatoes, and rolls will be provided through donations.

Guests are asked to follow this schedule when choosing a dish:

A-F = Desserts

G-L = Pasta or Rice

M-R = Salads

S-Z = Vegetable or Fruit

The Division of Agriculture will open the afternoon session with an Update from Director Francie Havemeister. Local Fairbanks grocer, Jeff Johnson will present on his business Home Grown Market. Kate Idzorek with the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Cooperative Extension Service (UAF/CES) will talk about The Flavor of Barley Flour.

The Rex Wrigley with the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District will present the district's annual report; followed by the SDSWCD speech winner and cooperator of the year – to be announced.

Ag-related businesses and special interest groups will set up in the hallway to provide information and answer questions during the forum. Come for fresh doughnuts from the IGA Food cache and hot coffee served during the morning session.

The DJ Saddletramps will be hosting the second annual 4-H round-up/open house to be held at the high school – location information will be provided at a later date. Contact Dani Markham at 322-8367.

The 2011 Delta Farm Forum is co-sponsored by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service (UAF CES), Delta District @ 895-4215 and the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water

Conservation District (SDSWCD) @ 895-6279 both are located in the Jarvis Office Center in Delta Junction.

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