

Sixth Annual Sustainable Agriculture Conference & Organic Growers School

March 16-17, 2010

MARCH 16 – PRECONFERENCE ACTIVITY AGENDA

- 1:00-4:30** **Commercial Growers School with National Speaker Chris Blanchard, Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge**
- 2:00-4:30** **Tour of UAF Cold Climate Housing Research Center, transportation TBA**

MARCH 17 – CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 7:45-8:15** **Registration**
- 8:15-8:30** **Welcome**
- 8:30-9:15** **CSA Basics (How we do it at Rock Spring Farm and things to think about), Chris Blanchard, Rock Spring Farm, Decorah, Iowa**
- 9:15-9:35** **Weed Suppression and Soil Fertility, SARE Farmer Rancher Grant, Mike Emers, Rosie Creek Farm, Fairbanks**
- 9:35-9:55** **Update on Alaska Certified Organic Production, Barbara Hanson, Alaska Division of Agriculture, Palmer**
- 9:55-10:15** **Cost-share Programs for Organic Farming and Environmental Incentive Programs (i.e., high tunnels and nutrient management), Sunny Castillo, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Fairbanks, and Lloyd Wilhelm, Farm Service Agency, Delta Junction**
- 10:15-10:45** **Break**
- 10:45-11:05** **Update on Farming in Bethel, Tim Meyers, Meyers Farm, Bethel**
- 11:05-11:25** **Update on Chicken Ranching Standards, Douglas Warner, Alaska Division of Agriculture, Palmer**
- 11:25-11:45** **Galena – A Community Devoted to Sustainable Agriculture, Paul Apfelbeck, Galena**
- 11:45-12:00** **Funding Opportunities through the Alaska Division of Agriculture, Patricia O’Neil, Alaska Division of Agriculture, Palmer**
- 12:00-1:00** **Lunch on Site**
- 1:00-1:20** **Alaska Dairy Goat Farm, Healing Acres, Edward DeMoss, Healing Acres Farm, Palmer**
- 1:20-1:40** **Energy Efficient Insulated Panel Greenhouse, Joseph Chatfield, Healy**
- 1:40-2:00** **Equipment for Innovative Farming in Igiugig, Alex Anna Salmon, Igiugig**
- 2:45-3:15** **Break**
- 3:15-3:35** **Fruit and Berry Crop Research Results in Alaska, Dr. Meriam Karlsson, UAF School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences**
- 3:35-3:55** **Food Security Survey, Dean Carol Lewis, UAF School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences**
- 4:15-5:00** **Food Security Panel, featuring representatives from the Fairbanks Community Cooperative Market, Alaska Community Agriculture and UAF Sustainable Community Task Force, and moderated by Craig Gerlach, UAF**
- 5:00** **Closing Remarks, Announcements and Evaluation**

(Agenda subject to change; please check often for updates!)