

Agriculture Meeting Set for March

The third annual Agricultural Symposium will be held in Anchorage this year. The dates are March 20 and 21. The theme is "Development of Alaska's Agricultural Industry," and the conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage. Co-sponsors of the event include Alaska Renewable Resources Corporation, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Alaska, and the Division of Economic Enterprise, Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

Guest speakers are coming from Minnesota, Missouri, Canada and Kansas. Professor Willard Cochrane of the Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota will address "Ameri-

can Agricultural Development and Implications of Alaskan Agriculture."

John Freivalds, the vice president of a private grain trading company in Minneapolis, will speak on "Development Challenge in a Cereal Grain Industry."

"Alberta's Approach to Northern Latitude Agricultural Development," is the topic of Jim O'Donoghue, the deputy minister of the Alberta department of agriculture.

Ted Wilson, a consultant with Featherstone Corporation of St. Joseph, Missouri, will present "Development Challenge in Establishing a Modern Livestock Industry in Alaska." Featherstone Corporation currently has a \$50,000 research contract with the City of

Nenana and the Alaska Agricultural Council to evaluate the feasibility of a livestock industry in Alaska.

A member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Dr. John Penson, will consider the financial sector serving agricultural development.

A panel discussion at the Saturday session will include Bill Palmer, chairman of the Alaska Agricultural Action Council and the Governor's special projects coordinator; Bob LeResche, commissioner of the department of natural resources; Senator Jay Kerttula from District D and Dr. Jay Barton, president of the University of Alaska. Their discussion topic is "A State Perspective on Development of Alaska's Agricultural Industry."

Other topics for which speakers are being arranged will focus on the role of farmer organizations, the vegetable industry and a look at agriculture worldwide. The closing panel discussion is entitled "Policy and Program Alternatives for the Development of Alaska's Agricultural Industry."

A banquet will be held Friday night. The keynote speaker has yet to be confirmed.