

## Farmer's Market off to Booming Start

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual spring Farmer's Market kicked off with a great opening last Saturday with more than a dozen farmer vendors and over 200 shoppers. More farmers and shoppers are expected this weekend as people stock up with fresh fruits and vegetables, smoked meat products, homemade jellies, jams, and baked goods for Mother's Day meals and cookouts.

This week, shoppers should find locally grown green onions, kale, Romaine lettuce, greens, new potatoes, brown eggs, yellow squash, smoked sausage, blueberries, and catfish, according to market manager Annis Dailey.

Additionally, there will be an abundant offering of nursery items, including bedding plants, hanging baskets, ornamental shrubs and seedlings, all perfect for that mom who loves her lawn and garden, said George County communication director Ken Flanagan.

This year's spring market will be open each weekend in May and June, winding up on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. The farmer's market is a joint project of the City of Lucedale, George County Board of Supervisors and the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber director Annis Dailey serves as the market manager.

Local farmers are encouraged to participate as an opportunity to increase their sales and promote agriculture. Vendors set up along the street at no charge.



Local farmer Bryan Howell entertains shoppers with jokes and funny stories as he offers smoked sausages and fresh vegetables for sale.