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## Hello Spring!!! Lucedale Farmers Market returns on Saturday, April 18

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Spring fever is in the air and spring crops are back at the Lucedale Farmers Market starting Saturday, April 18 in front of the Courthouse. The Farmers Market will open with fresh strawberries, potatoes, bell peppers, brown eggs, jams, jellies, and a wide selection of nursery bedding plants.

"If you're ready to bring home those spring fruits and vegetables, the Lucedale Farmers Market is back and just for you," Ken Flanagan, Community Development Director said. "I've already talked to so many residents who are ready to spring back into their favorite Saturday morning routine of walking through the market and getting their produce for the week."



The market is easy to find for visitors, it's in Downtown Lucedale on Cox Street on the Courthouse Square. Local farmers start arriving and setting up before sunrise.

"The market goes from sun-up to sell-out, but like I tell everyone, get there early to get the good stuff," explains Lucedale Mayor Doug Lee. "When you buy at the Farmers Market, you get the freshest produce and directly support our local farmers."

The Lucedale Farmers Market is an award winning community event sponsored jointly by the City of Lucedale and the George County Board of Supervisors. Mayor Lee says the Market is only made possible with the support of local farmers and local customers.



"Buy Local, Buy George,' our motto really does say it best. We are so blessed to live in an area where there is so much local produce. We're proud to join again with the County to host this annual Market," Lee said.

This is the fourth straight year for the Market. The Spring/Summer 2014 season was successful averaging 12 vendors and more than 120 customers each week. For local producers, the Farmers Market provides another venue to reach customers.

"The Spring Farmers Market has been a good event for our nursery," Erica Croom, 4-year participant said. "It is so convenient for our customers to pop into town and get a good sampling of what is at our local nursery. The market has also introduced us to new customers."

The "Spring/Summer Season" of the Lucedale Farmers Market will be open every Saturday morning through July 18. If you would like to join the award winning Lucedale Farmers Market, there is still time to become a vendor. Call City Hall at 601-947-2082 or 601-947-2744 to register for free.

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