

Farmers Market offers more vegetables and plenty of nursery plants

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Rain towards the end of the morning did little to dampen spirits for shoppers and vendors at the second week of the Farmer's Market.

"We had an even better turnout this week than last," said Monica Turner, the market coordinator. "We had a couple of more vendors and a good crowd of shoppers."

Turner said more vegetables, including zucchini and yellow squash, were on hand along with locally grown cabbages and other greens. There were still new potatoes, English peas, onions and carrots on hand.

"I saw some cantaloupe and some plums," Tuner reported.

Along with vegetables, there was a good supply of nursery and ornamental plants, including blueberry bushes and blackberry vines.

"A couple of young ladies were there with homemade cinnamon rolls," she said.

The Farmers Market, which is set up each Saturday morning from sun up unit sell out or about noon on Cox Street in front of the George County Courthouse, traditionally begins with nursery plants and a few greens and early vegetables transitioning into more fruits and vegetable as the season progresses.

This year is no exception, Turner said, although there were good supplies of English peas, onions, new potatoes, carrots and greens on hand. "Someone said we also had sweet corn, but it sold out very quickly," she added.

Staples at the Market include fresh ground grits and cornmeal, homemade jellies, jams, salsa and chow chow.

Hopefully those young ladies had hot coffee to go with those cinnamon rolls.

Anyone wishing to become a vendor should contact Monica Turner at the George County Chamber of Commerce. And people looking for the freshest tasting homegrown fruits and vegetables should come out next Saturday morning, she said.

The spring Farmers Market traditionally runs from about mid-April to late June or early July, depending upon the weather and the growing season.

