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Cummings. The excessive rain of late has delayed some of this year's crops, but patrons can expect to see more fresh produce very soon.

"Our produce hasn't really come in, all this rain has really set our farmers back," said Cummings. "We have a few that have a few things, especially those that have farms on higher ground."

Added Cummings: "We've got over 80 vendors here today, and unfortunately, due to the rain, we have two

empty stalls because a couple of farmers' fields got flooded and they have to replant."

Fortunately, Cummings said the market had about 10 walk-up vendors show up for the June 2 season opener, which helped to boost their numbers no thanks to all the rain.

"It's a good day, we've got the Clay County Tractor Club here, we've got the Country Cousins Band here, we've got homemade ice cream here - there's all kinds of things here for people to enjoy," said

Cummings.

The Clay County Tractor Club raffled off a 1955 Farmall Cub Lo Boy tractor to support the Dwight Smith Scholarship Fund, and they do numerous other fundraisers throughout the year, giving over 95 percent of their proceeds to scholarships and technical training for area youths.

Shelly Conlin has had a booth at the market for over 10 years, since it was at the Union County Courthouse parking lot. On June 2, she had on offer over a hundred trellis

yarn necklaces that she made herself, as well as many wood-crafted products and laminated bookmarks.

"I make wood crafts, signs, plant hooks, black bears, crochet necklaces, and I make greeting cards," said Conlin. "My crochet necklaces take over two and half hours to make one, and I can make about 10 wood-crafted signs in a week, because it's a lot of sanding and painting."

Regarding the season opener, Conlin gave her take on the level of foot traffic.

"Today's grand opening started out a little slow, but we're getting busy now," said Conlin. "We're also here on Tuesday afternoons between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. for people to come out and shop."

Next week, the market's handmade wagon will be on display, and a tractor will be available for the market's use on June 16 to let the children go out and enjoy a ride.

Space is limited for the upcoming classes at the Union County Canning Plant on market grounds, so anyone who is interested should sign

up soon.

The Farmers Market is the place to find it all, from woodworks to homemade, all-natural goat's milk soap. It will be open every Tuesday

from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday's from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October.

The market is located at 148 Old Smokey Rd. in Blairsville.



The Country Cousins Band played the opening day of the 2018 season at the Union County Farmers Market. Photo by Mark Novak

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