

Today was the first Wednesday market of the **Athens Farmers Market's** fortieth year. It was a little chilly, as if the weather belatedly remembered that it was spring, not summer.



We've only just begun

Still, it was wonderfully sunny, and a dozen vendors were ready for business when the opening bell rang.



Look, Ma, no puppets!

Doris, Nick and SuperSquash were set up at the CFI **Donation Station**. Even though it was early, and not many shoppers were about yet, I heard Doris ring the bell quite a few times in thanks for the generous donations folks made.





Greens from the garden

Becky from **Green Edge Gardens** was putting out some fine looking kale, arugula, icicle radishes, micro-greens and mushrooms.



mmmmm....brownies

Michelle and Marsha from **Casa Nueva** were on hand to share some wonderful snacks, including gluten-free brownies made with locally-grown **Shagbark** black beans.



Good morning, Mr. Chmiel

I also learned that students from East Elementary came out to the market every other week. Not only do they get to peruse the green goodness, but they will be bringing food that they prepare to share with the staff. Fantastic!

Of course, this is just the beginning. Today was just the first little sprout, but we can look forwards to a long and productive growing season for us all.