The Small Farmers’ Project is owned and operated by eight families. They formed their cooperative farm plan in 2008 as participants of a local non-profit, Huerto de la Familia (The Family Garden). The organization provides low-income Latino families the opportunity and instruction to grow their own food in community gardens. The farmers demonstrate that by working and organizing as a collective they can accomplish more than by working alone. They specialize in organic Blackcap raspberries, which are sold under the LADYBUG Brand.

In 2007, Huerto de la Familia (The Family Garden) began a partnership with Heifer International, a foundation whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Their funding from Heifer provided plants, seeds, agricultural supplies, capital expenses and training for the farmers.

The members of the project are “passing on the gift” by giving plants, seeds, and training to others, donating food to the local food bank, and giving compost to local community gardens. The members of the project are passionate and truly believe “this opportunity is a gift from God.”

**Crop**  
Blackcap Raspberries

**Acreage**  
6 acres  
Certified Organic since 2010

**Passing on the Gift**

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