



# ROYAL PRODUCE

## ROYAL CITY, WA

Santos and Zenaida Guadarrama were still teenagers when they immigrated to the United States from their native Mexico. Santos found work in Central Washington on a farm owned by Ike Parker, who soon recognized Santos' talent for growing fresh produce. Ike showed Santos how to manage a business and introduced him to farmers markets in the area—when Ike retired a few years later, he sold his farm to Santos and Royal Produce was born. Today, the operation is a thriving oasis of organic fruit and vegetable production where the Guadarrama family grows asparagus, melons, tomatillos, and more to feed to communities across the state.

