

# MARTA LÍDIA VÁSQUEZ LÓPEZ

## FARM LOS PLANES

### ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Marta is a forty-three year old coffee producer who was born and raised in San Sebastián, Lempira. She attended primary school but did not continue studying after finishing the sixth grade; after that, she helped in her house with all the domestic duties and occasionally in some of the agricultural activities of his father.

At eighteen, she got married to Daniel Pascual; two years later, both of them decided to cultivate coffee together with one of her cousins, Nicolás García, who taught them all the processes of it. Marta's father in law gave them a house and some land as inheritance and after that they kept working hard to acquire more lands. Marta and her husband started by planting 1,500 coffee plants of the varieties Bourbon, Yellow Paca and Ihcafé 90, which seeds were brought from Corquín, Copán by her cousin Nicolás.

Back then, Marta used to carry out the coffee from El Curucio to San Sebastián in a mule, as there were no road available. Access was open until 2010 and now they can go to the farm by car and transport the coffee this way during harvest seasons.

Today, Marta owns a 15.39 hectares property, with 8.0 hectares planted with coffee, producing 70 to 90 bags per year and which she collects with the help of her family and 15 other people from the community she hires. In addition, she has adopted better farm practices such as the treatment of the honey waters in an oxidation pond, reusing the pulp waste to produce organic fertilizer, cleaning the farm manually with machete to avoid the use of herbicides, planting timber and fruit trees, among others, in order to protect the environment.



### FARM INFO

#### GENERAL

Farm Name: Los Planes  
Farm Size: 8.0 HA  
Production: 90 Bags of 69kg  
Harvesting: Hand-picked  
Process: Washed  
Depulping: Mechanical  
Ferm: Concrete pile/12 hrs  
Drying: Concrete Patio  
Drying time: 5 to 8 days

#### VARIETIES & MORE

Varieties: Lempira  
Ihcafé 90  
Flowering season: Apr-May  
Harvest season: Nov-Jan  
Plant ages: 7 yrs avg  
Soil type: Clayey/Sandy  
Cleanings: 3 p/year  
Fertilizations: 2 p/year  
Trades w/Bon Café since 2015

#### LOCATION

Country: Honduras  
Cardinal direction: West  
Coffee Region: Celaque  
State: Lempira  
Municipality: San Sebastián  
Village: El Curucio  
Altitude: 1,901 meters  
Latitude: N 14°23'12.39"  
Longitude: W 88°44'52.20"





MARTA, AT HER FARM, IN EL CURUCIO, LEMPIRA.



BRANCHES ALREADY LOADED WITH COFFEE AT FARM LOS PLANES, WHICH WILL BE HARVESTED FOR THE 2022/2023 CROP.