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If you have a couple minutes, or, better yet, 60 of them, check out John Jeavons' talk at Google headquarters last week. One stat he shares shines a pretty harsh light on our global food challenge. Each day the planet welcomes 216,000 new people (births minus deaths). To feed them, we ought to also be "welcoming" 34,000 new acres of farmable soil into production each day (roughly 40 Central Parks!) when in fact we're losing farmland due to erosion, desertification, and sprawl.

Before you hurl yourself onto the nearest compost pile in despair, take heart: kitchen gardens and gardeners are part of the solution! Together, our gardens represent thousands of acres and there are thousands more to be brought into production by reaching out to and helping new folks to join the fun.

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