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With the First Lady's White House Kitchen Garden book launch cooling down and the federal Farm Bill talks heating up, it seems like a ripe time to share this graphic more broadly. Feel free to use it (see download links below) with a link back to KGI.org. As a nation, we're saying one thing and doing another and we urgently need to bring our words and actions in line with one another. We're saying we should be eating 5-7 portions of fruits and vegetables a day but we're not supporting the food, farm, and garden infrastructure needed to deliver that diet to 311 million Americans. In fact, we'd need to grow another 13 million acres of produce in the United States if we were to meet the minimum daily requirements of fruits and vegetables set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We talk the talk about healthy eating in this country and now it's time for us to walk the walk by demanding a Farm Bill that promotes fresh, healthy, locally-grown foods and supports the farmers and gardeners who are putting them on America's tables.

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