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This past May, First Lady Maria Shriver called upon CFAITC, state dignitaries, kids, farmers, and chefs to help plant the first edible garden at the State Capitol in Sacramento. The 800 square-foot garden includes 16 varieties of vegetables, herbs, and flowers, and will feature seasonal crops throughout the year.

Along with planning and planting the garden, CFAITC developed a series of 10 “WE Garden” lesson plans that help translate the hands-on experiences learned in a garden, into a traditional classroom setting. “WE Garden” lesson plans meet Board of Education Content Standards for grades 1-6 and are available at cfaitc.org/wegarden.

“WE Garden in Capitol Park” is a comprehensive educational opportunity, and includes:
- Participation of state dignitaries, kids, farmers, and chefs
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The garden was created to educate and inspire Californians about the importance of nutrition, healthy living, agriculture, and science, and to show that all these things can be taught in a garden setting,” said Maria Shriver’s Communications Director, Francisco Castillo. “Judy Culbertson and Ag in the Classroom have contributed priceless insight and experience, and helped us evolve this project into a comprehensive educational opportunity.”

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You may already know, and appreciate the men and women who provide a safe and healthy food supply for millions of families, and whose hard work contributes greatly to our state and local economies. Unfortunately, this is not common knowledge to most Californians, particularly our younger generations.

Students, many of whom have never set foot on a farm, are tomorrow’s mothers and fathers, our workforce, our civic leaders, our CEOs, and our voters. Our state’s agricultural legacy lies in the hands of our teachers, who, in their own way, are planting the seeds of awareness in their classrooms every day.

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