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## Home Gardening pon't just go local. American food garden sizes Median food Average food College gradu garden size: garden size: or some colle 23% 22% 96 600 square square feet feet 45 and olde Female 68% Regional 54% breakdown of American food gardeners The typical American food gardene Most popular vegetables in U.S. gardens Average time Tomatoes Cucumbers Sweet peppers Carrots Summer squash 86% 46% 39% 34% 32% 47% food gardenin 5 hours Hot peppers Lettuce Sweet corn 32% 31% 28% 24% 23% U.S. households with food gardens Economics of 43 million (37%) U.S. food gardens 36 million (31%) 2008 data Total spent Total return nationwide: \$2.5 billion \$21 billion 2008 2009 Average food gardening Estimated dollar return Average spent 21% of those households in 2009 for a 600 sq. ft. garden per household: return on investment: were new to gardening \$600 \$70 \$530

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