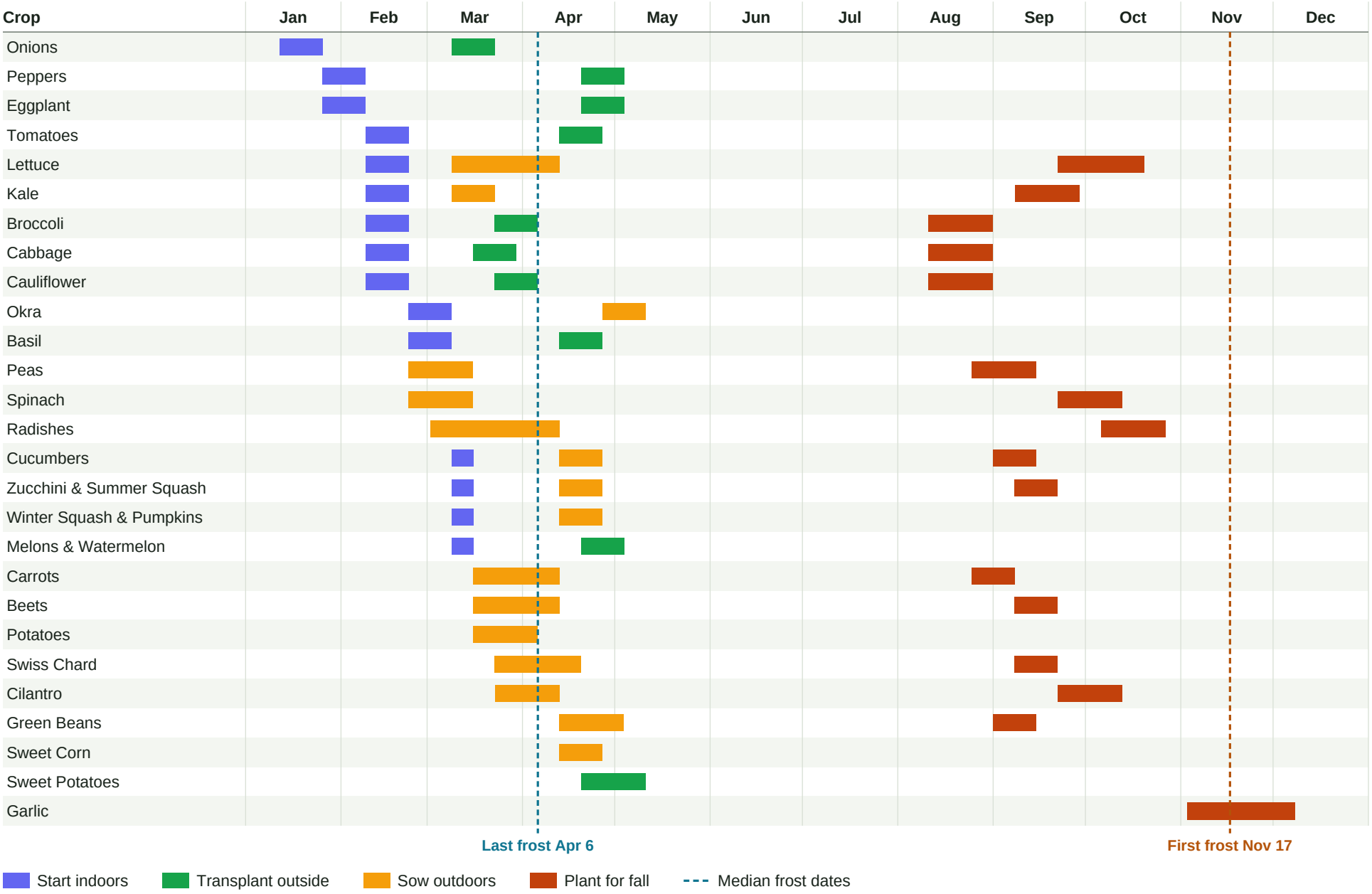
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Jan 12 – Jan 26 | Mar 9 – Mar 23 | — | — |
| Peppers | Jan 26 – Feb 9 | Apr 20 – May 4 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Jan 26 – Feb 9 | Apr 20 – May 4 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Feb 9 – Feb 23 | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Feb 9 – Feb 23 | Mar 16 – Mar 30 | Mar 9 – Apr 13 | Sep 22 – Oct 20 |
| Kale | Feb 9 – Feb 23 | Mar 9 – Mar 23 | Mar 9 – Mar 23 | Sep 8 – Sep 29 |
| Broccoli | Feb 9 – Feb 23 | Mar 23 – Apr 6 | — | Aug 11 – Sep 1 |
| Cabbage | Feb 9 – Feb 23 | Mar 16 – Mar 30 | — | Aug 11 – Sep 1 |
| Cauliflower | Feb 9 – Feb 23 | Mar 23 – Apr 6 | — | Aug 11 – Sep 1 |
| Okra | Feb 23 – Mar 9 | Apr 27 – May 11 | Apr 27 – May 11 | — |
| Basil | Feb 23 – Mar 9 | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Feb 23 – Mar 16 | Aug 25 – Sep 15 |
| Spinach | — | — | Feb 23 – Mar 16 | Sep 22 – Oct 13 |
| Radishes | — | — | Mar 2 – Apr 13 | Oct 6 – Oct 27 |
| Cucumbers | Mar 9 – Mar 16 | Apr 20 – Apr 27 | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | Sep 1 – Sep 15 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Mar 9 – Mar 16 | — | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | Sep 8 – Sep 22 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Mar 9 – Mar 16 | — | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Mar 9 – Mar 16 | Apr 20 – May 4 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Mar 16 – Apr 13 | Aug 25 – Sep 8 |
| Beets | — | — | Mar 16 – Apr 13 | Sep 8 – Sep 22 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Mar 16 – Apr 6 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Mar 23 – Apr 20 | Sep 8 – Sep 22 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Mar 23 – Apr 13 | Sep 22 – Oct 13 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Apr 13 – May 4 | Sep 1 – Sep 15 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | Apr 20 – May 11 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Nov 3 – Dec 8 |

Wait until after May 2 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.