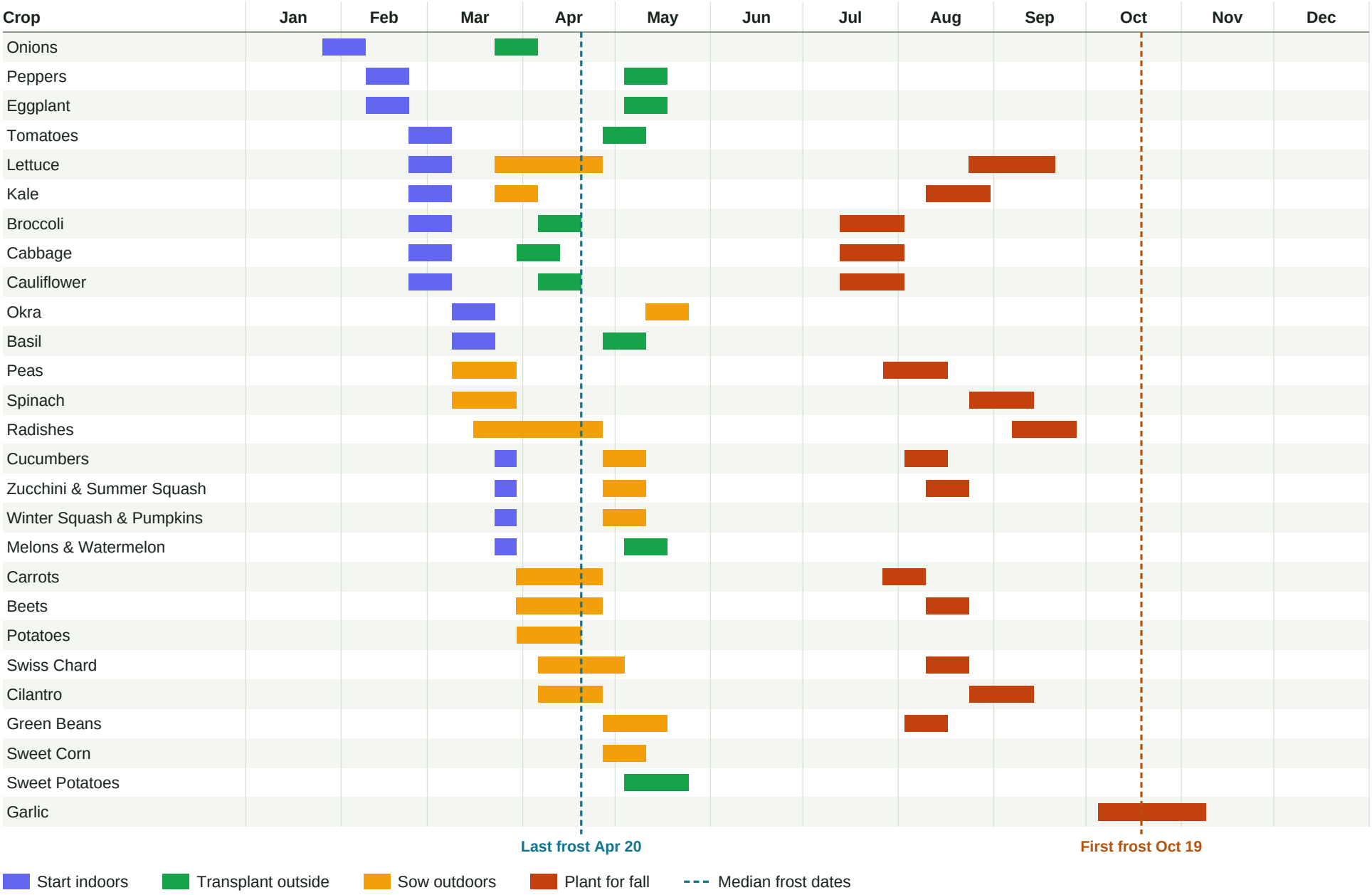
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 26 – Feb 9	Mar 23 – Apr 6	—	—
Peppers	Feb 9 – Feb 23	May 4 – May 18	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 9 – Feb 23	May 4 – May 18	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Apr 27 – May 11	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Mar 30 – Apr 13	Mar 23 – Apr 27	Aug 24 – Sep 21
Kale	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Mar 23 – Apr 6	Mar 23 – Apr 6	Aug 10 – Aug 31
Broccoli	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Apr 6 – Apr 20	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cabbage	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Mar 30 – Apr 13	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cauliflower	Feb 23 – Mar 9	Apr 6 – Apr 20	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Okra	Mar 9 – Mar 23	May 11 – May 25	May 11 – May 25	—
Basil	Mar 9 – Mar 23	Apr 27 – May 11	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 9 – Mar 30	Jul 27 – Aug 17
Spinach	—	—	Mar 9 – Mar 30	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Radishes	—	—	Mar 16 – Apr 27	Sep 7 – Sep 28
Cucumbers	Mar 23 – Mar 30	May 4 – May 11	Apr 27 – May 11	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 23 – Mar 30	—	Apr 27 – May 11	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 23 – Mar 30	—	Apr 27 – May 11	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 23 – Mar 30	May 4 – May 18	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 30 – Apr 27	Jul 27 – Aug 10
Beets	—	—	Mar 30 – Apr 27	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 30 – Apr 20	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 6 – May 4	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 6 – Apr 27	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 27 – May 18	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 27 – May 11	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 4 – May 25	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 5 – Nov 9

Wait until after May 4 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.