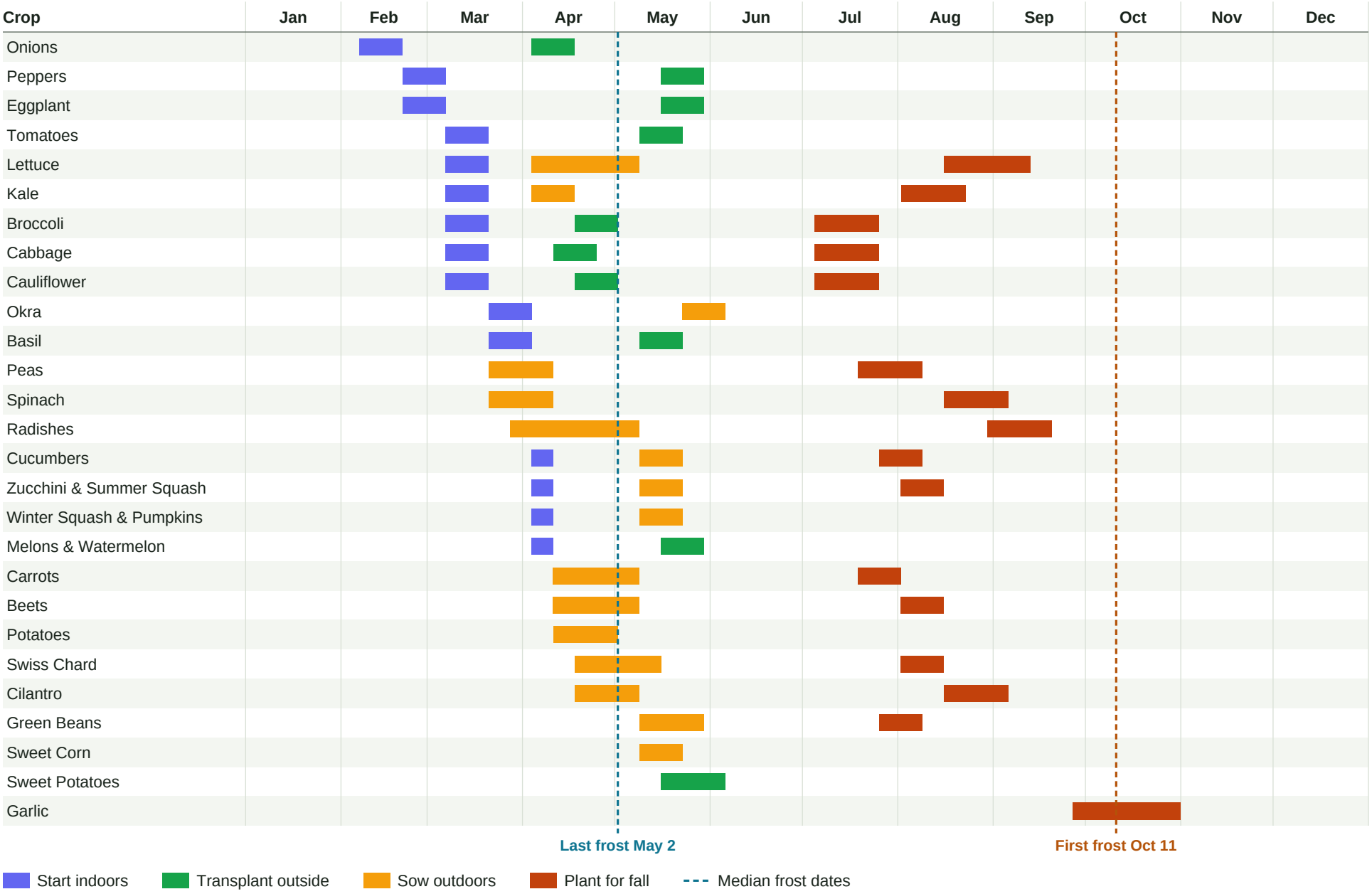
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 7 – Feb 21	Apr 4 – Apr 18	—	—
Peppers	Feb 21 – Mar 7	May 16 – May 30	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 21 – Mar 7	May 16 – May 30	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 7 – Mar 21	May 9 – May 23	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 7 – Mar 21	Apr 11 – Apr 25	Apr 4 – May 9	Aug 16 – Sep 13
Kale	Mar 7 – Mar 21	Apr 4 – Apr 18	Apr 4 – Apr 18	Aug 2 – Aug 23
Broccoli	Mar 7 – Mar 21	Apr 18 – May 2	—	Jul 5 – Jul 26
Cabbage	Mar 7 – Mar 21	Apr 11 – Apr 25	—	Jul 5 – Jul 26
Cauliflower	Mar 7 – Mar 21	Apr 18 – May 2	—	Jul 5 – Jul 26
Okra	Mar 21 – Apr 4	May 23 – Jun 6	May 23 – Jun 6	—
Basil	Mar 21 – Apr 4	May 9 – May 23	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 21 – Apr 11	Jul 19 – Aug 9
Spinach	—	—	Mar 21 – Apr 11	Aug 16 – Sep 6
Radishes	—	—	Mar 28 – May 9	Aug 30 – Sep 20
Cucumbers	Apr 4 – Apr 11	May 16 – May 23	May 9 – May 23	Jul 26 – Aug 9
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 4 – Apr 11	—	May 9 – May 23	Aug 2 – Aug 16
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Apr 4 – Apr 11	—	May 9 – May 23	—
Melons & Watermelon	Apr 4 – Apr 11	May 16 – May 30	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 11 – May 9	Jul 19 – Aug 2
Beets	—	—	Apr 11 – May 9	Aug 2 – Aug 16
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 11 – May 2	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 18 – May 16	Aug 2 – Aug 16
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 18 – May 9	Aug 16 – Sep 6
Green Beans	—	—	May 9 – May 30	Jul 26 – Aug 9
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 9 – May 23	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 16 – Jun 6	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 27 – Nov 1

Wait until after May 16 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.