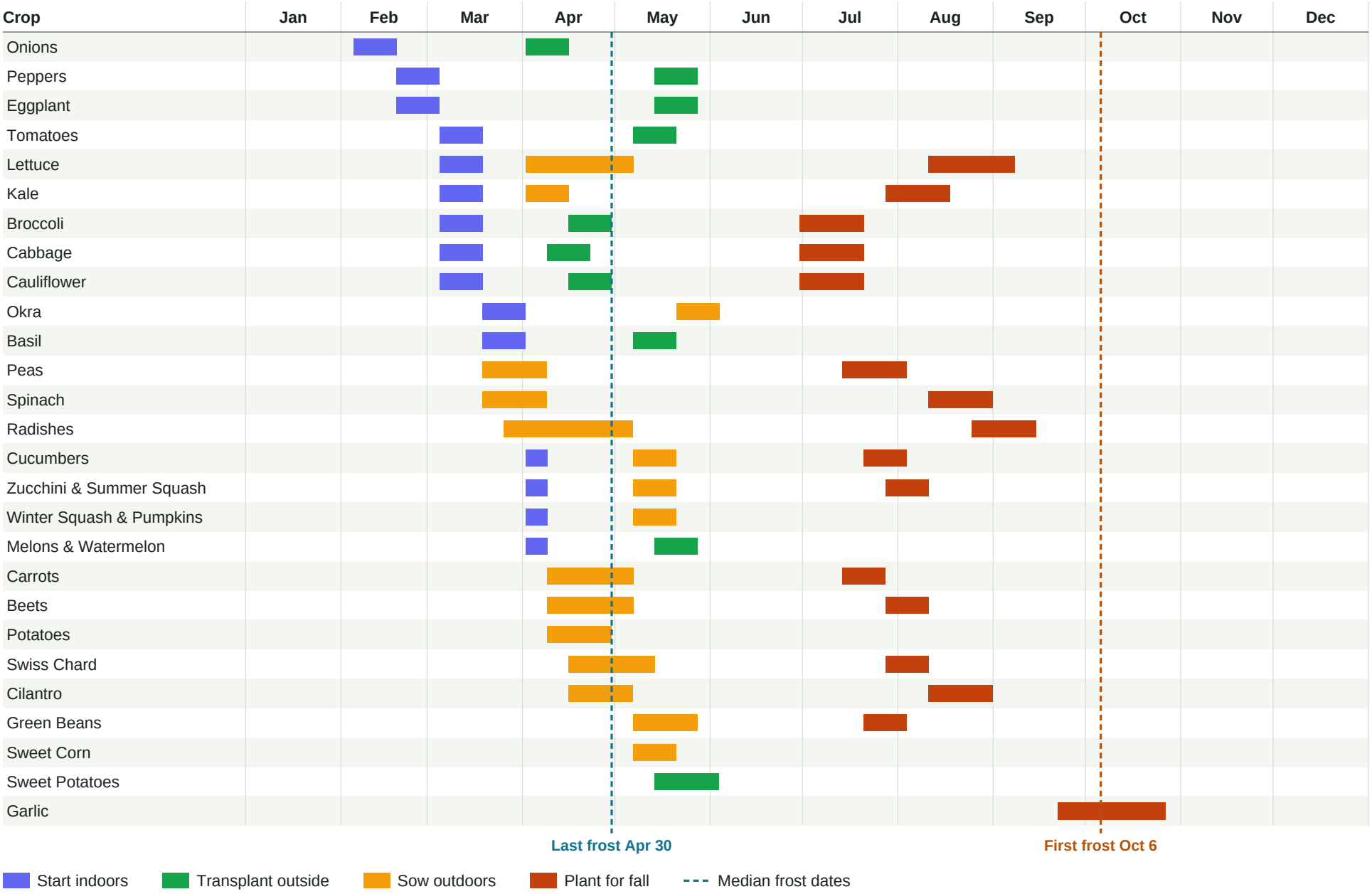
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 5 – Feb 19	Apr 2 – Apr 16	—	—
Peppers	Feb 19 – Mar 5	May 14 – May 28	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 19 – Mar 5	May 14 – May 28	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 5 – Mar 19	May 7 – May 21	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 9 – Apr 23	Apr 2 – May 7	Aug 11 – Sep 8
Kale	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 2 – Apr 16	Apr 2 – Apr 16	Jul 28 – Aug 18
Broccoli	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 16 – Apr 30	—	Jun 30 – Jul 21
Cabbage	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 9 – Apr 23	—	Jun 30 – Jul 21
Cauliflower	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 16 – Apr 30	—	Jun 30 – Jul 21
Okra	Mar 19 – Apr 2	May 21 – Jun 4	May 21 – Jun 4	—
Basil	Mar 19 – Apr 2	May 7 – May 21	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 19 – Apr 9	Jul 14 – Aug 4
Spinach	—	—	Mar 19 – Apr 9	Aug 11 – Sep 1
Radishes	—	—	Mar 26 – May 7	Aug 25 – Sep 15
Cucumbers	Apr 2 – Apr 9	May 14 – May 21	May 7 – May 21	Jul 21 – Aug 4
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 2 – Apr 9	—	May 7 – May 21	Jul 28 – Aug 11
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Apr 2 – Apr 9	—	May 7 – May 21	—
Melons & Watermelon	Apr 2 – Apr 9	May 14 – May 28	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 9 – May 7	Jul 14 – Jul 28
Beets	—	—	Apr 9 – May 7	Jul 28 – Aug 11
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 9 – Apr 30	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 16 – May 14	Jul 28 – Aug 11
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 16 – May 7	Aug 11 – Sep 1
Green Beans	—	—	May 7 – May 28	Jul 21 – Aug 4
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 7 – May 21	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 14 – Jun 4	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 22 – Oct 27

Wait until after May 11 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.