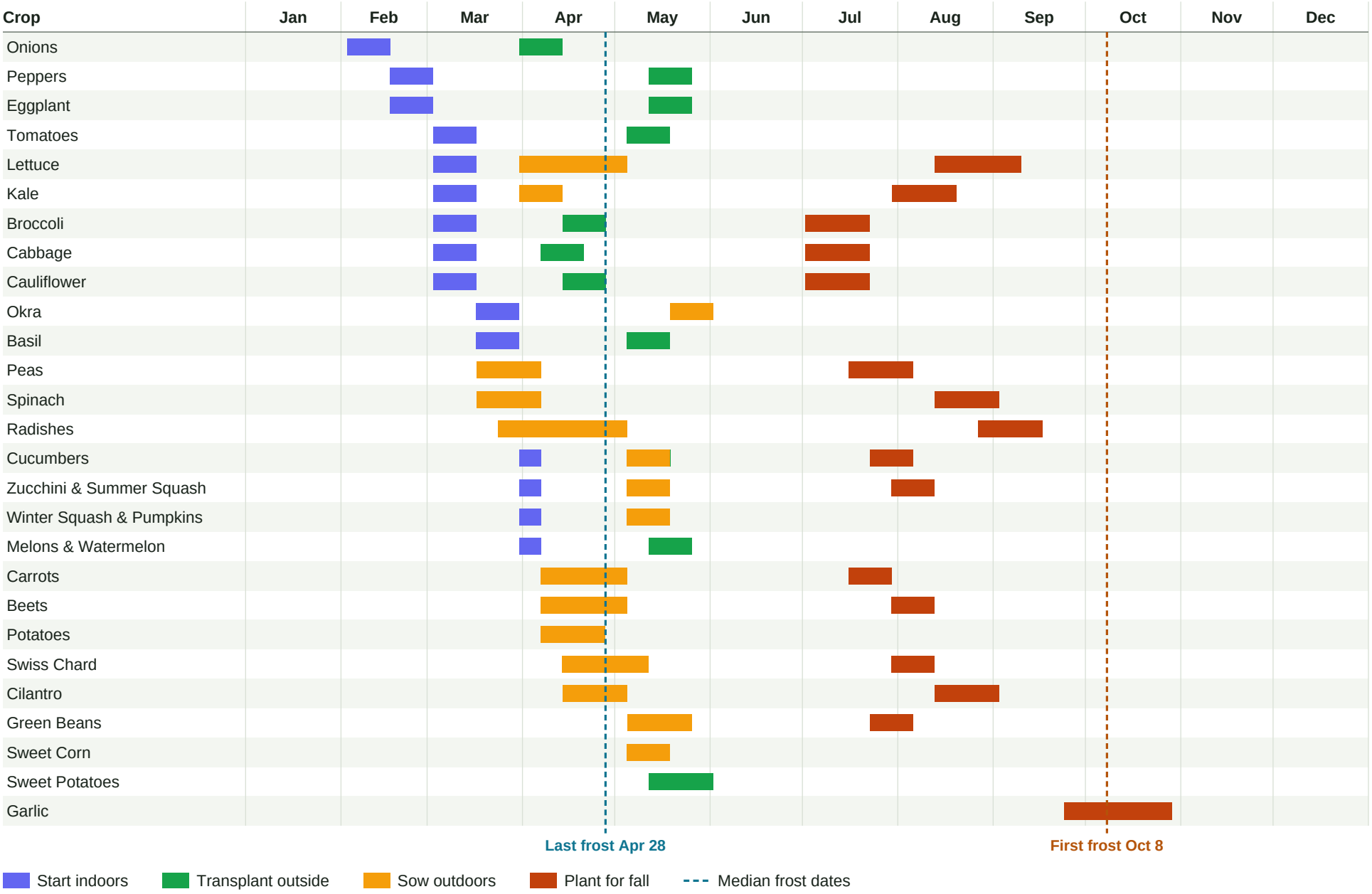
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 3 – Feb 17	Mar 31 – Apr 14	—	—
Peppers	Feb 17 – Mar 3	May 12 – May 26	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 17 – Mar 3	May 12 – May 26	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 3 – Mar 17	May 5 – May 19	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 3 – Mar 17	Apr 7 – Apr 21	Mar 31 – May 5	Aug 13 – Sep 10
Kale	Mar 3 – Mar 17	Mar 31 – Apr 14	Mar 31 – Apr 14	Jul 30 – Aug 20
Broccoli	Mar 3 – Mar 17	Apr 14 – Apr 28	—	Jul 2 – Jul 23
Cabbage	Mar 3 – Mar 17	Apr 7 – Apr 21	—	Jul 2 – Jul 23
Cauliflower	Mar 3 – Mar 17	Apr 14 – Apr 28	—	Jul 2 – Jul 23
Okra	Mar 17 – Mar 31	May 19 – Jun 2	May 19 – Jun 2	—
Basil	Mar 17 – Mar 31	May 5 – May 19	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 17 – Apr 7	Jul 16 – Aug 6
Spinach	—	—	Mar 17 – Apr 7	Aug 13 – Sep 3
Radishes	—	—	Mar 24 – May 5	Aug 27 – Sep 17
Cucumbers	Mar 31 – Apr 7	May 12 – May 19	May 5 – May 19	Jul 23 – Aug 6
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 31 – Apr 7	—	May 5 – May 19	Jul 30 – Aug 13
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 31 – Apr 7	—	May 5 – May 19	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 31 – Apr 7	May 12 – May 26	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 7 – May 5	Jul 16 – Jul 30
Beets	—	—	Apr 7 – May 5	Jul 30 – Aug 13
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 7 – Apr 28	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 14 – May 12	Jul 30 – Aug 13
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 14 – May 5	Aug 13 – Sep 3
Green Beans	—	—	May 5 – May 26	Jul 23 – Aug 6
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 5 – May 19	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 12 – Jun 2	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 24 – Oct 29

Wait until after May 9 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.