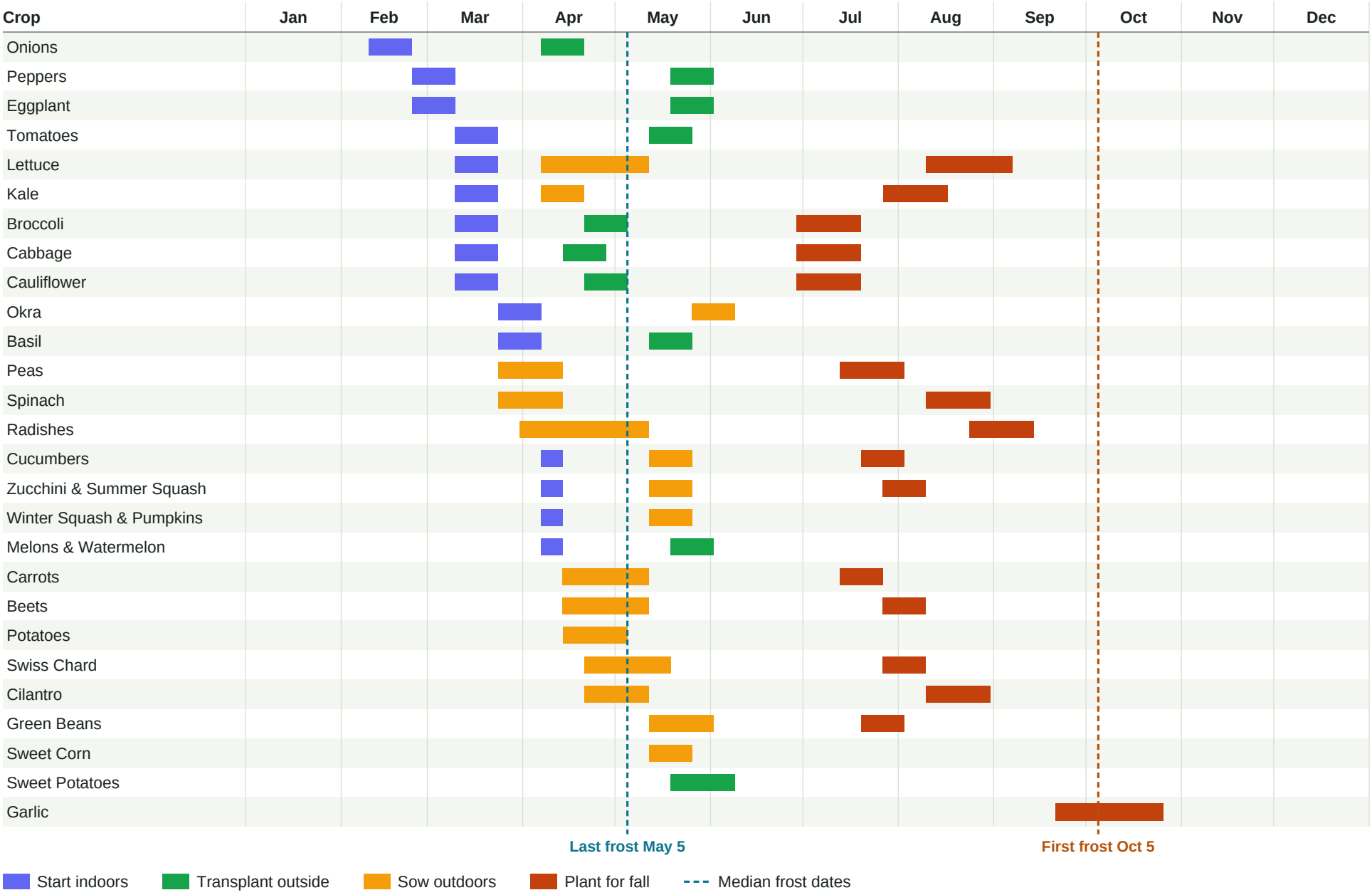
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Feb 10 – Feb 24 | Apr 7 – Apr 21 | — | — |
| Peppers | Feb 24 – Mar 10 | May 19 – Jun 2 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Feb 24 – Mar 10 | May 19 – Jun 2 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Mar 10 – Mar 24 | May 12 – May 26 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Mar 10 – Mar 24 | Apr 14 – Apr 28 | Apr 7 – May 12 | Aug 10 – Sep 7 |
| Kale | Mar 10 – Mar 24 | Apr 7 – Apr 21 | Apr 7 – Apr 21 | Jul 27 – Aug 17 |
| Broccoli | Mar 10 – Mar 24 | Apr 21 – May 5 | — | Jun 29 – Jul 20 |
| Cabbage | Mar 10 – Mar 24 | Apr 14 – Apr 28 | — | Jun 29 – Jul 20 |
| Cauliflower | Mar 10 – Mar 24 | Apr 21 – May 5 | — | Jun 29 – Jul 20 |
| Okra | Mar 24 – Apr 7 | May 26 – Jun 9 | May 26 – Jun 9 | — |
| Basil | Mar 24 – Apr 7 | May 12 – May 26 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Mar 24 – Apr 14 | Jul 13 – Aug 3 |
| Spinach | — | — | Mar 24 – Apr 14 | Aug 10 – Aug 31 |
| Radishes | — | — | Mar 31 – May 12 | Aug 24 – Sep 14 |
| Cucumbers | Apr 7 – Apr 14 | May 19 – May 26 | May 12 – May 26 | Jul 20 – Aug 3 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Apr 7 – Apr 14 | — | May 12 – May 26 | Jul 27 – Aug 10 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Apr 7 – Apr 14 | — | May 12 – May 26 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Apr 7 – Apr 14 | May 19 – Jun 2 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Apr 14 – May 12 | Jul 13 – Jul 27 |
| Beets | — | — | Apr 14 – May 12 | Jul 27 – Aug 10 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Apr 14 – May 5 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Apr 21 – May 19 | Jul 27 – Aug 10 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Apr 21 – May 12 | Aug 10 – Aug 31 |
| Green Beans | — | — | May 12 – Jun 2 | Jul 20 – Aug 3 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | May 12 – May 26 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | May 19 – Jun 9 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Sep 21 – Oct 26 |

Wait until after May 19 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.