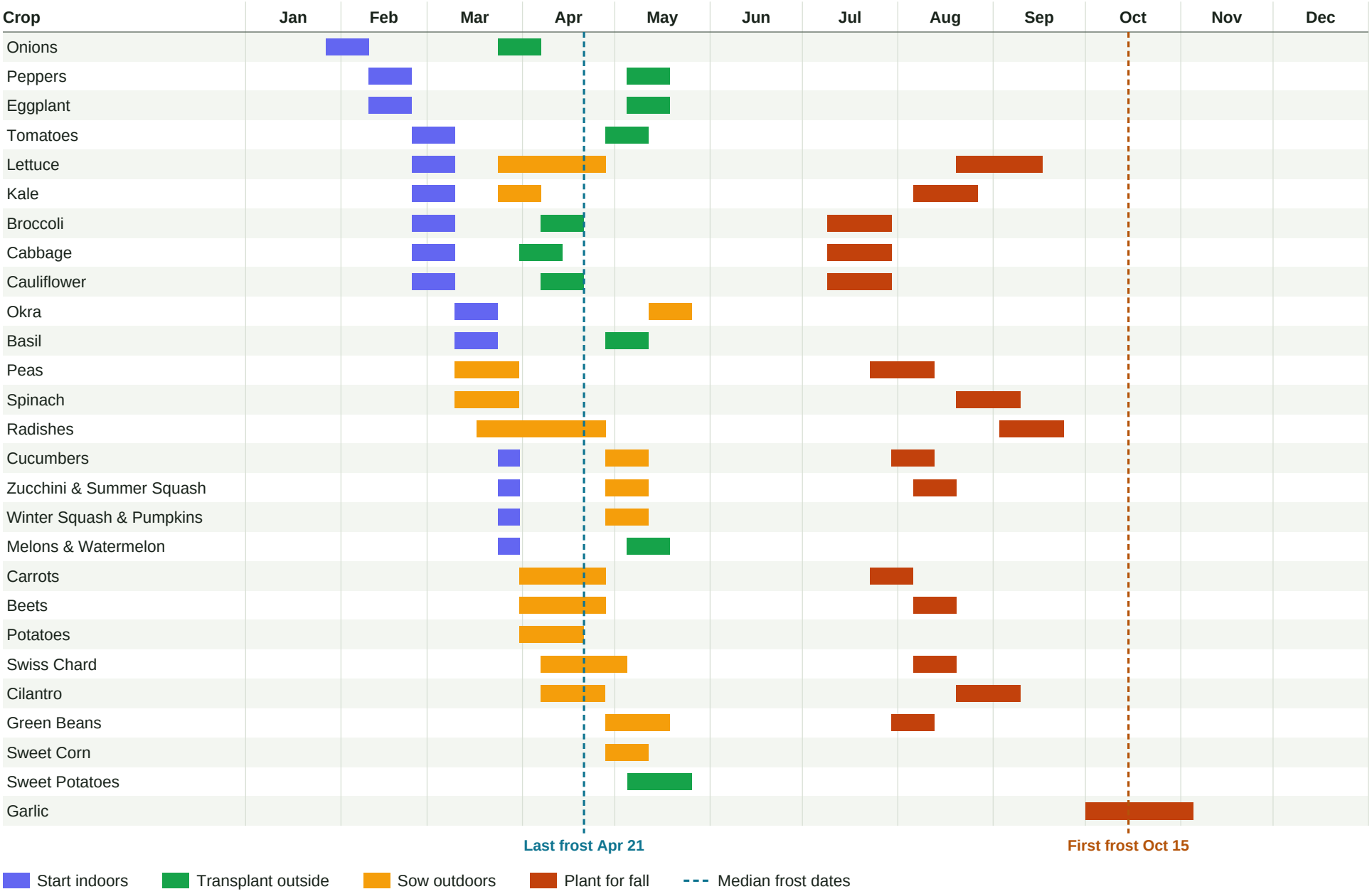
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Jan 27 – Feb 10 | Mar 24 – Apr 7 | — | — |
| Peppers | Feb 10 – Feb 24 | May 5 – May 19 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Feb 10 – Feb 24 | May 5 – May 19 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Feb 24 – Mar 10 | Apr 28 – May 12 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Feb 24 – Mar 10 | Mar 31 – Apr 14 | Mar 24 – Apr 28 | Aug 20 – Sep 17 |
| Kale | Feb 24 – Mar 10 | Mar 24 – Apr 7 | Mar 24 – Apr 7 | Aug 6 – Aug 27 |
| Broccoli | Feb 24 – Mar 10 | Apr 7 – Apr 21 | — | Jul 9 – Jul 30 |
| Cabbage | Feb 24 – Mar 10 | Mar 31 – Apr 14 | — | Jul 9 – Jul 30 |
| Cauliflower | Feb 24 – Mar 10 | Apr 7 – Apr 21 | — | Jul 9 – Jul 30 |
| Okra | Mar 10 – Mar 24 | May 12 – May 26 | May 12 – May 26 | — |
| Basil | Mar 10 – Mar 24 | Apr 28 – May 12 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Mar 10 – Mar 31 | Jul 23 – Aug 13 |
| Spinach | — | — | Mar 10 – Mar 31 | Aug 20 – Sep 10 |
| Radishes | — | — | Mar 17 – Apr 28 | Sep 3 – Sep 24 |
| Cucumbers | Mar 24 – Mar 31 | May 5 – May 12 | Apr 28 – May 12 | Jul 30 – Aug 13 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Mar 24 – Mar 31 | — | Apr 28 – May 12 | Aug 6 – Aug 20 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Mar 24 – Mar 31 | — | Apr 28 – May 12 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Mar 24 – Mar 31 | May 5 – May 19 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Mar 31 – Apr 28 | Jul 23 – Aug 6 |
| Beets | — | — | Mar 31 – Apr 28 | Aug 6 – Aug 20 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Mar 31 – Apr 21 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Apr 7 – May 5 | Aug 6 – Aug 20 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Apr 7 – Apr 28 | Aug 20 – Sep 10 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Apr 28 – May 19 | Jul 30 – Aug 13 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Apr 28 – May 12 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | May 5 – May 26 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Oct 1 – Nov 5 |

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