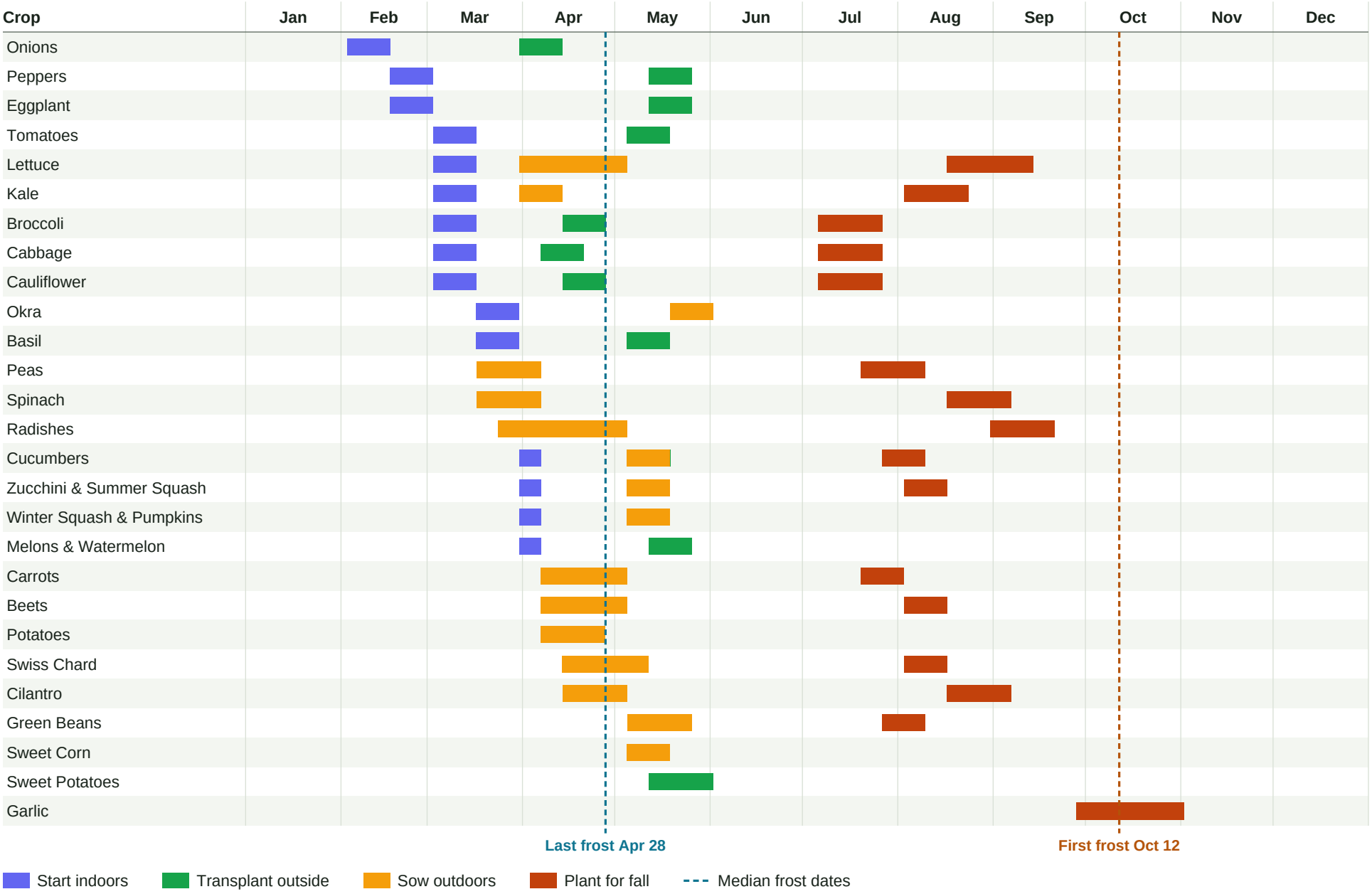
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 3 – Feb 17	Mar 31 – Apr 14	—	—
Peppers	Feb 17 – Mar 3	May 12 – May 26	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 17 – Mar 3	May 12 – May 26	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 3 – Mar 17	May 5 – May 19	—	—
Lettuce	Mar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

Wait until after May 13 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.