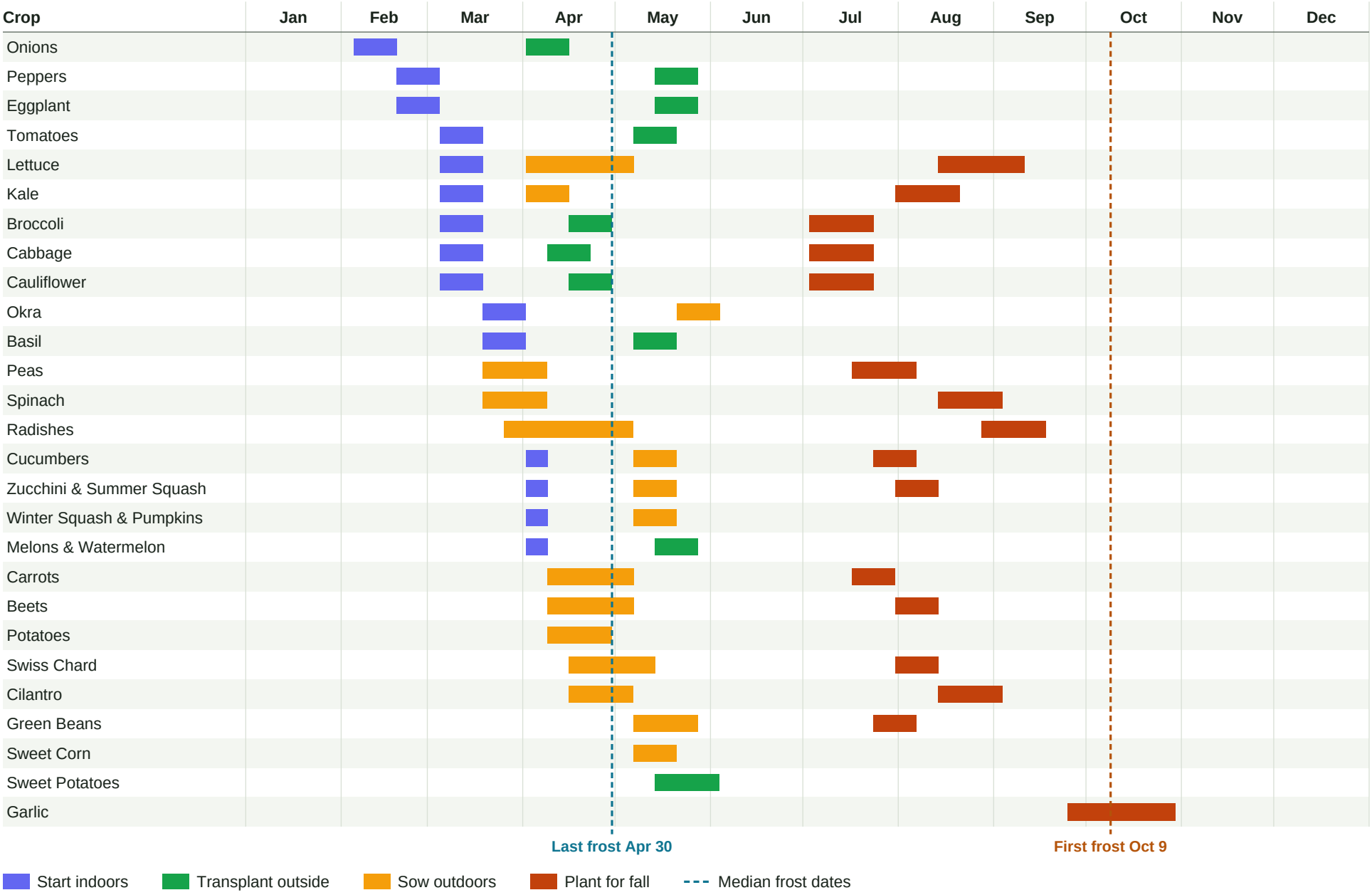
# Orchard, IA planting calendar

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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 14 – Sep 11 |
| Kale | Mar 5 – Mar 19 | Apr 2 – Apr 16 | Apr 2 – Apr 16 | Jul 31 – Aug 21 |
| Broccoli | Mar 5 – Mar 19 | Apr 16 – Apr 30 | — | Jul 3 – Jul 24 |
| Cabbage | Mar 5 – Mar 19 | Apr 9 – Apr 23 | — | Jul 3 – Jul 24 |
| Cauliflower | Mar 5 – Mar 19 | Apr 16 – Apr 30 | — | Jul 3 – Jul 24 |
| 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 17 – Aug 7 |
| Spinach | — | — | Mar 19 – Apr 9 | Aug 14 – Sep 4 |
| Radishes | — | — | Mar 26 – May 7 | Aug 28 – Sep 18 |
| Cucumbers | Apr 2 – Apr 9 | May 14 – May 21 | May 7 – May 21 | Jul 24 – Aug 7 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Apr 2 – Apr 9 | — | May 7 – May 21 | Jul 31 – Aug 14 |
| 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 17 – Jul 31 |
| Beets | — | — | Apr 9 – May 7 | Jul 31 – Aug 14 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Apr 9 – Apr 30 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Apr 16 – May 14 | Jul 31 – Aug 14 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Apr 16 – May 7 | Aug 14 – Sep 4 |
| Green Beans | — | — | May 7 – May 28 | Jul 24 – Aug 7 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | May 7 – May 21 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | May 14 – Jun 4 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Sep 25 – Oct 30 |

Wait until after May 12 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.