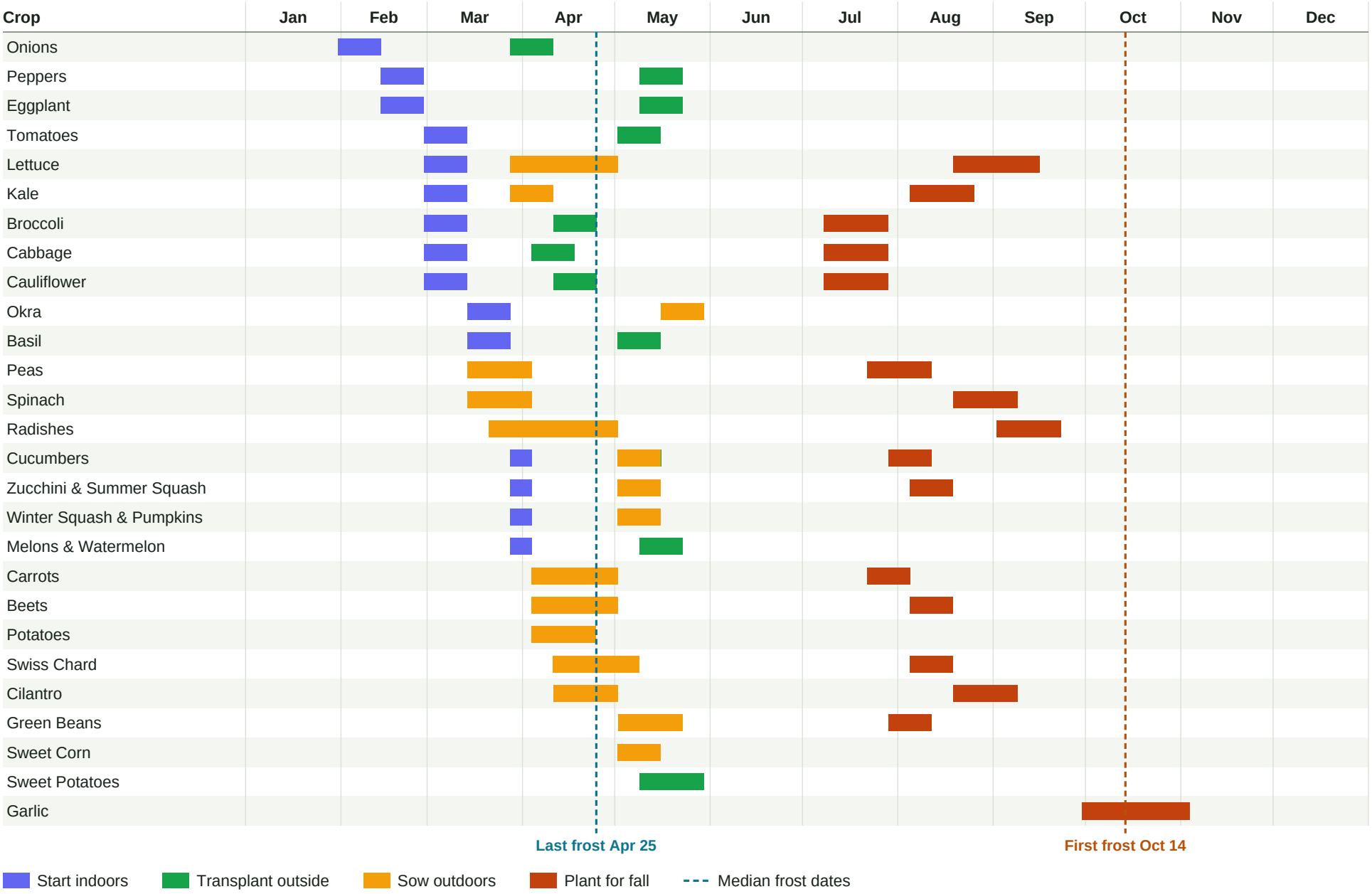
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 31 – Feb 14	Mar 28 – Apr 11	—	—
Peppers	Feb 14 – Feb 28	May 9 – May 23	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 14 – Feb 28	May 9 – May 23	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 28 – Mar 14	May 2 – May 16	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 28 – Mar 14	Apr 4 – Apr 18	Mar 28 – May 2	Aug 19 – Sep 16
Kale	Feb 28 – Mar 14	Mar 28 – Apr 11	Mar 28 – Apr 11	Aug 5 – Aug 26
Broccoli	Feb 28 – Mar 14	Apr 11 – Apr 25	—	Jul 8 – Jul 29
Cabbage	Feb 28 – Mar 14	Apr 4 – Apr 18	—	Jul 8 – Jul 29
Cauliflower	Feb 28 – Mar 14	Apr 11 – Apr 25	—	Jul 8 – Jul 29
Okra	Mar 14 – Mar 28	May 16 – May 30	May 16 – May 30	—
Basil	Mar 14 – Mar 28	May 2 – May 16	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 14 – Apr 4	Jul 22 – Aug 12
Spinach	—	—	Mar 14 – Apr 4	Aug 19 – Sep 9
Radishes	—	—	Mar 21 – May 2	Sep 2 – Sep 23
Cucumbers	Mar 28 – Apr 4	May 9 – May 16	May 2 – May 16	Jul 29 – Aug 12
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 28 – Apr 4	—	May 2 – May 16	Aug 5 – Aug 19
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 28 – Apr 4	—	May 2 – May 16	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 28 – Apr 4	May 9 – May 23	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 4 – May 2	Jul 22 – Aug 5
Beets	—	—	Apr 4 – May 2	Aug 5 – Aug 19
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 4 – Apr 25	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 11 – May 9	Aug 5 – Aug 19
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 11 – May 2	Aug 19 – Sep 9
Green Beans	—	—	May 2 – May 23	Jul 29 – Aug 12
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 2 – May 16	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 9 – May 30	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 30 – Nov 4

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