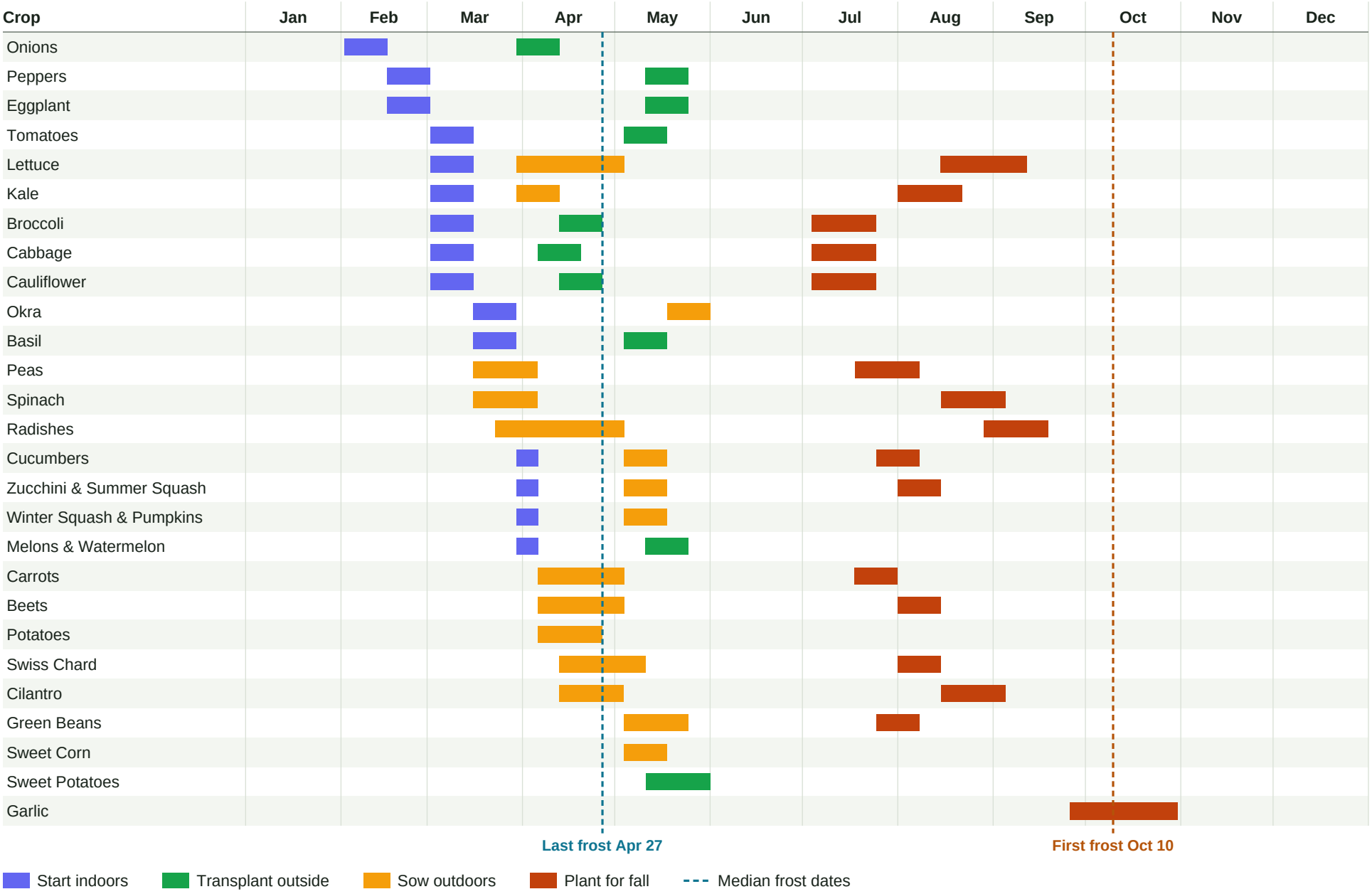
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 2 – Feb 16	Mar 30 – Apr 13	—	—
Peppers	Feb 16 – Mar 2	May 11 – May 25	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 16 – Mar 2	May 11 – May 25	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 2 – Mar 16	May 4 – May 18	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 2 – Mar 16	Apr 6 – Apr 20	Mar 30 – May 4	Aug 15 – Sep 12
Kale	Mar 2 – Mar 16	Mar 30 – Apr 13	Mar 30 – Apr 13	Aug 1 – Aug 22
Broccoli	Mar 2 – Mar 16	Apr 13 – Apr 27	—	Jul 4 – Jul 25
Cabbage	Mar 2 – Mar 16	Apr 6 – Apr 20	—	Jul 4 – Jul 25
Cauliflower	Mar 2 – Mar 16	Apr 13 – Apr 27	—	Jul 4 – Jul 25
Okra	Mar 16 – Mar 30	May 18 – Jun 1	May 18 – Jun 1	—
Basil	Mar 16 – Mar 30	May 4 – May 18	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 16 – Apr 6	Jul 18 – Aug 8
Spinach	—	—	Mar 16 – Apr 6	Aug 15 – Sep 5
Radishes	—	—	Mar 23 – May 4	Aug 29 – Sep 19
Cucumbers	Mar 30 – Apr 6	May 11 – May 18	May 4 – May 18	Jul 25 – Aug 8
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 30 – Apr 6	—	May 4 – May 18	Aug 1 – Aug 15
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 30 – Apr 6	—	May 4 – May 18	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 30 – Apr 6	May 11 – May 25	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 6 – May 4	Jul 18 – Aug 1
Beets	—	—	Apr 6 – May 4	Aug 1 – Aug 15
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 6 – Apr 27	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 13 – May 11	Aug 1 – Aug 15
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 13 – May 4	Aug 15 – Sep 5
Green Beans	—	—	May 4 – May 25	Jul 25 – Aug 8
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 4 – May 18	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 11 – Jun 1	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 26 – Oct 31

Wait until after May 8 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.