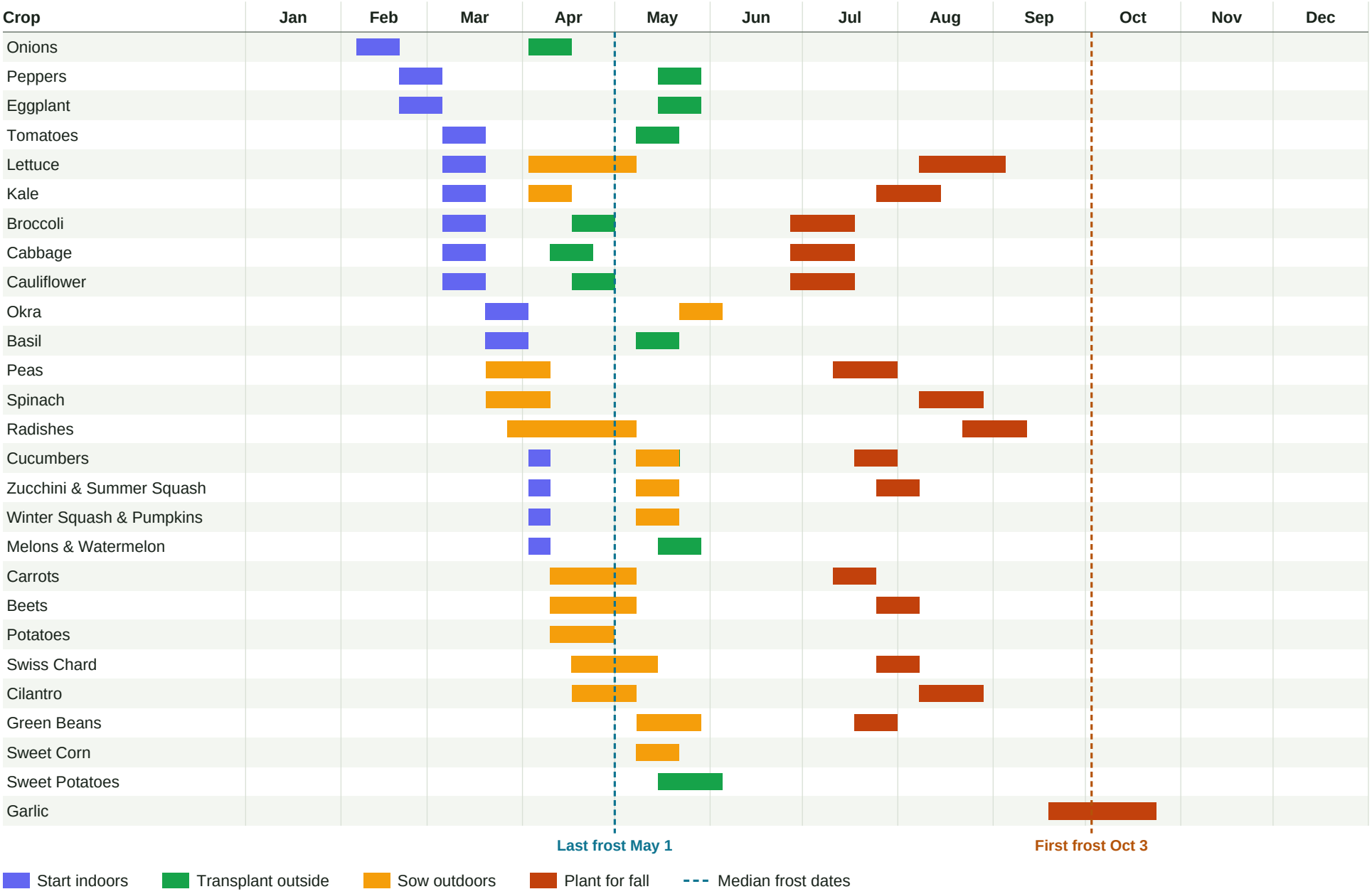
Spencer, IA planting calendar

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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 6 – Feb 20	Apr 3 – Apr 17	—	—
Peppers	Feb 20 – Mar 6	May 15 – May 29	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 20 – Mar 6	May 15 – May 29	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 6 – Mar 20	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 10 – Apr 24	Apr 3 – May 8	Aug 8 – Sep 5
Kale	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 3 – Apr 17	Apr 3 – Apr 17	Jul 25 – Aug 15
Broccoli	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 17 – May 1	—	Jun 27 – Jul 18
Cabbage	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 10 – Apr 24	—	Jun 27 – Jul 18
Cauliflower	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 17 – May 1	—	Jun 27 – Jul 18
Okra	Mar 20 – Apr 3	May 22 – Jun 5	May 22 – Jun 5	—
Basil	Mar 20 – Apr 3	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 20 – Apr 10	Jul 11 – Aug 1
Spinach	—	—	Mar 20 – Apr 10	Aug 8 – Aug 29
Radishes	—	—	Mar 27 – May 8	Aug 22 – Sep 12
Cucumbers	Apr 3 – Apr 10	May 15 – May 22	May 8 – May 22	Jul 18 – Aug 1
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 3 – Apr 10	—	May 8 – May 22	Jul 25 – Aug 8
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Apr 3 – Apr 10	—	May 8 – May 22	—
Melons & Watermelon	Apr 3 – Apr 10	May 15 – May 29	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 10 – May 8	Jul 11 – Jul 25
Beets	—	—	Apr 10 – May 8	Jul 25 – Aug 8
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 10 – May 1	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 17 – May 15	Jul 25 – Aug 8
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 17 – May 8	Aug 8 – Aug 29
Green Beans	—	—	May 8 – May 29	Jul 18 – Aug 1
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 8 – May 22	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 15 – Jun 5	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 19 – Oct 24

Wait until after May 14 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.