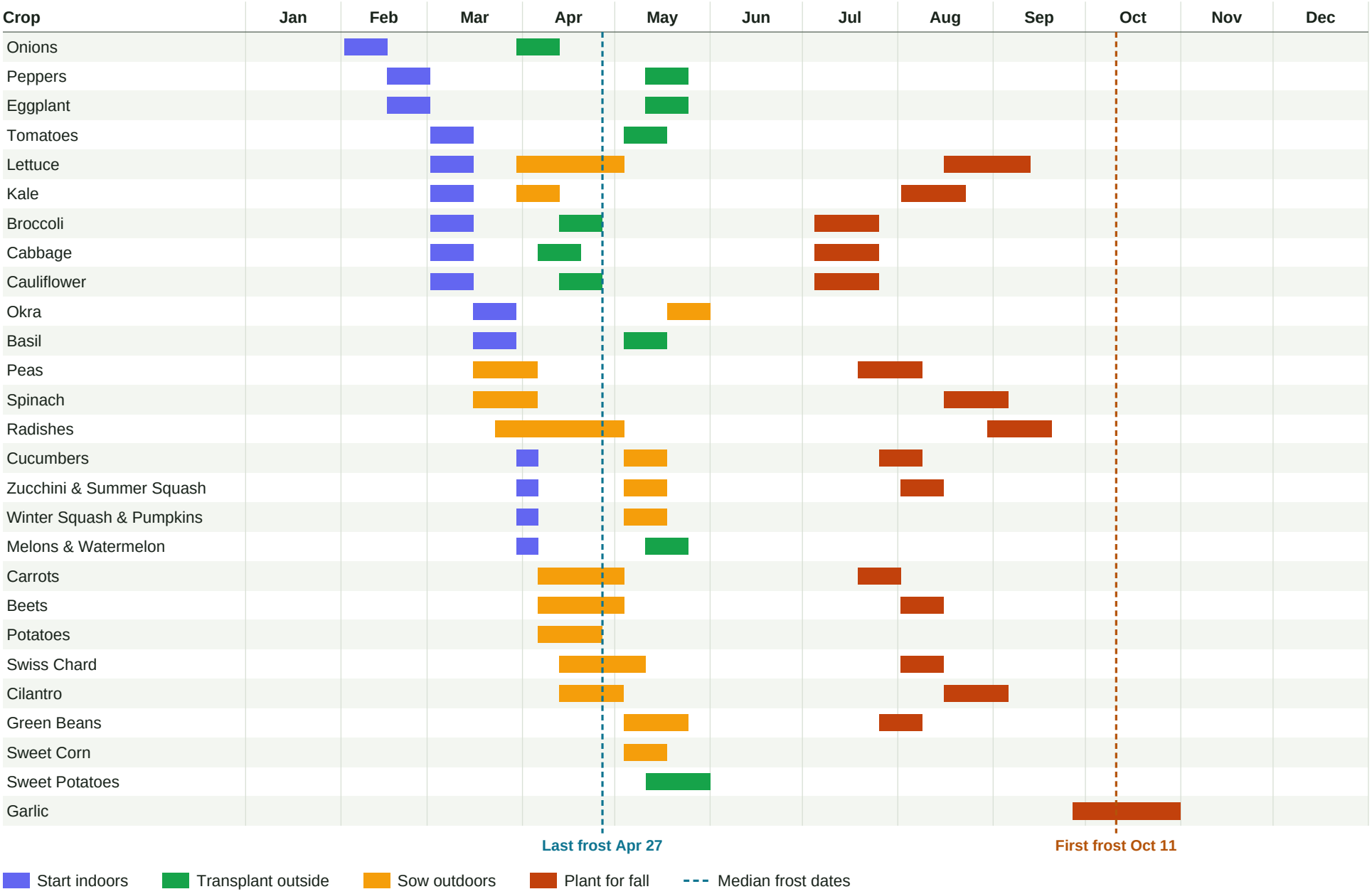
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Feb 2 – Feb 16 | Mar 30 – Apr 13 | — | — |
| Peppers | Feb 16 – Mar 2 | May 11 – May 25 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Feb 16 – Mar 2 | May 11 – 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 16 – Sep 13 |
| Kale | Mar 2 – Mar 16 | Mar 30 – Apr 13 | Mar 30 – Apr 13 | Aug 2 – Aug 23 |
| Broccoli | Mar 2 – Mar 16 | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | — | Jul 5 – Jul 26 |
| Cabbage | Mar 2 – Mar 16 | Apr 6 – Apr 20 | — | Jul 5 – Jul 26 |
| Cauliflower | Mar 2 – Mar 16 | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | — | Jul 5 – Jul 26 |
| 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 19 – Aug 9 |
| Spinach | — | — | Mar 16 – Apr 6 | Aug 16 – Sep 6 |
| Radishes | — | — | Mar 23 – May 4 | Aug 30 – Sep 20 |
| Cucumbers | Mar 30 – Apr 6 | May 11 – May 18 | May 4 – May 18 | Jul 26 – Aug 9 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Mar 30 – Apr 6 | — | May 4 – May 18 | Aug 2 – Aug 16 |
| 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 19 – Aug 2 |
| Beets | — | — | Apr 6 – May 4 | Aug 2 – Aug 16 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Apr 6 – Apr 27 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Apr 13 – May 11 | Aug 2 – Aug 16 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Apr 13 – May 4 | Aug 16 – Sep 6 |
| Green Beans | — | — | May 4 – May 25 | Jul 26 – Aug 9 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | May 4 – May 18 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | May 11 – Jun 1 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Sep 27 – Nov 1 |

Wait until after May 11 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.