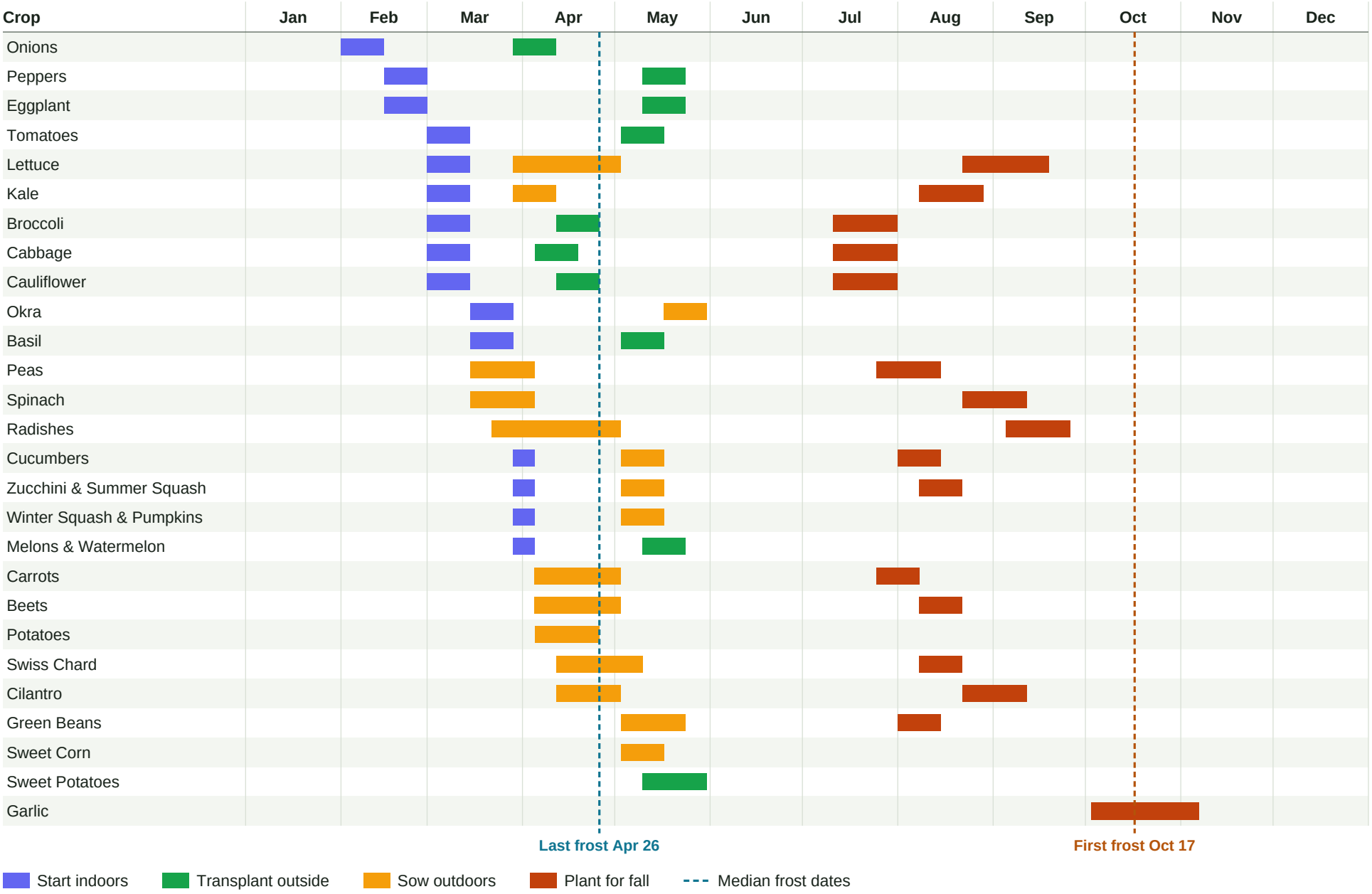
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 1 – Feb 15	Mar 29 – Apr 12	—	—
Peppers	Feb 15 – Mar 1	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 15 – Mar 1	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 1 – Mar 15	May 3 – May 17	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Apr 5 – Apr 19	Mar 29 – May 3	Aug 22 – Sep 19
Kale	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Mar 29 – Apr 12	Mar 29 – Apr 12	Aug 8 – Aug 29
Broccoli	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Apr 12 – Apr 26	—	Jul 11 – Aug 1
Cabbage	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Apr 5 – Apr 19	—	Jul 11 – Aug 1
Cauliflower	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Apr 12 – Apr 26	—	Jul 11 – Aug 1
Okra	Mar 15 – Mar 29	May 17 – May 31	May 17 – May 31	—
Basil	Mar 15 – Mar 29	May 3 – May 17	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 15 – Apr 5	Jul 25 – Aug 15
Spinach	—	—	Mar 15 – Apr 5	Aug 22 – Sep 12
Radishes	—	—	Mar 22 – May 3	Sep 5 – Sep 26
Cucumbers	Mar 29 – Apr 5	May 10 – May 17	May 3 – May 17	Aug 1 – Aug 15
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 29 – Apr 5	—	May 3 – May 17	Aug 8 – Aug 22
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 29 – Apr 5	—	May 3 – May 17	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 29 – Apr 5	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 5 – May 3	Jul 25 – Aug 8
Beets	—	—	Apr 5 – May 3	Aug 8 – Aug 22
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 5 – Apr 26	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 12 – May 10	Aug 8 – Aug 22
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 12 – May 3	Aug 22 – Sep 12
Green Beans	—	—	May 3 – May 24	Aug 1 – Aug 15
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 3 – May 17	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 10 – May 31	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 3 – Nov 7

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