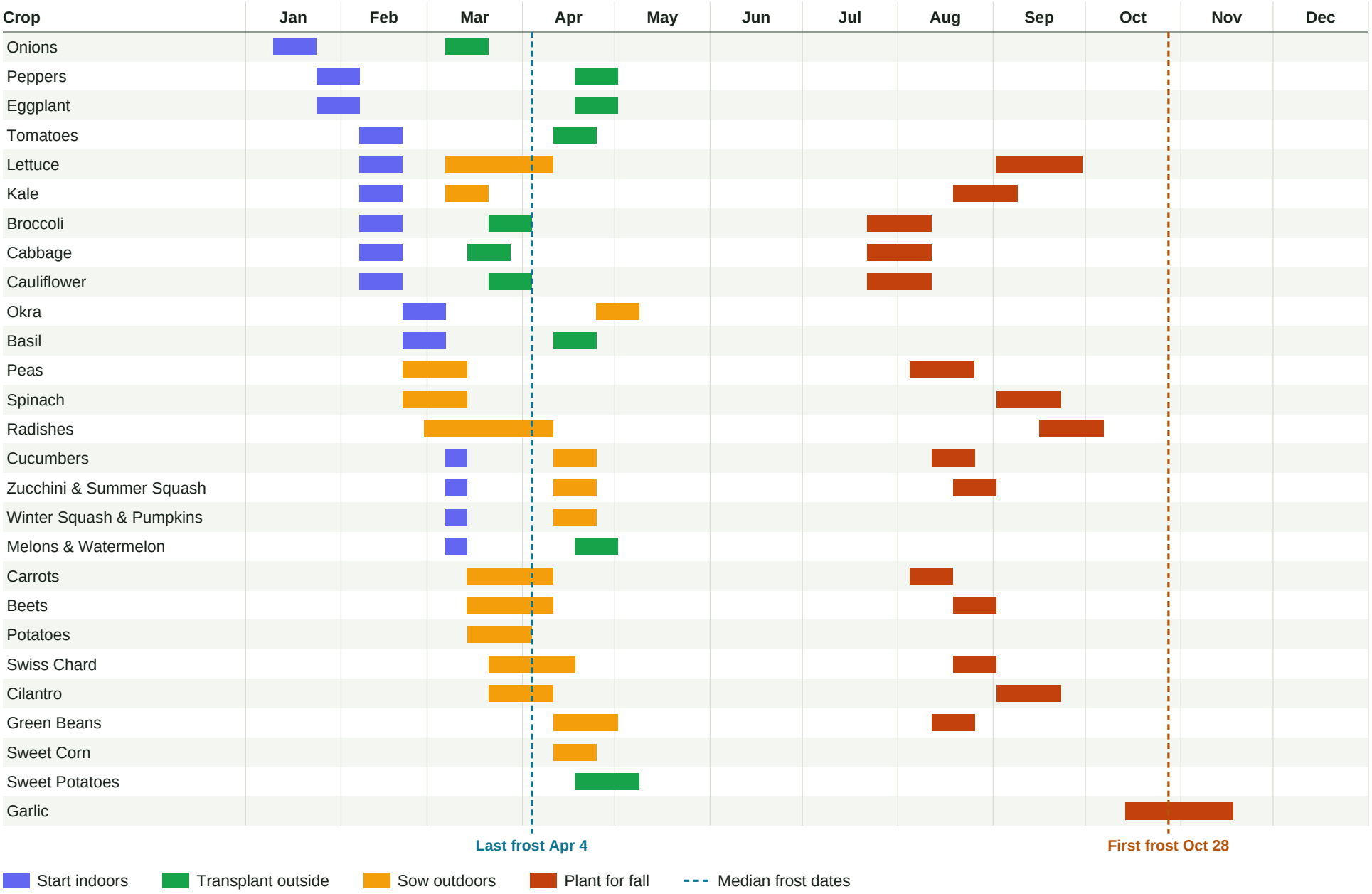
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 10 – Jan 24	Mar 7 – Mar 21	—	—
Peppers	Jan 24 – Feb 7	Apr 18 – May 2	—	—
Eggplant	Jan 24 – Feb 7	Apr 18 – May 2	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 7 – Feb 21	Apr 11 – Apr 25	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 7 – Feb 21	Mar 14 – Mar 28	Mar 7 – Apr 11	Sep 2 – Sep 30
Kale	Feb 7 – Feb 21	Mar 7 – Mar 21	Mar 7 – Mar 21	Aug 19 – Sep 9
Broccoli	Feb 7 – Feb 21	Mar 21 – Apr 4	—	Jul 22 – Aug 12
Cabbage	Feb 7 – Feb 21	Mar 14 – Mar 28	—	Jul 22 – Aug 12
Cauliflower	Feb 7 – Feb 21	Mar 21 – Apr 4	—	Jul 22 – Aug 12
Okra	Feb 21 – Mar 7	Apr 25 – May 9	Apr 25 – May 9	—
Basil	Feb 21 – Mar 7	Apr 11 – Apr 25	—	—
Peas	—	—	Feb 21 – Mar 14	Aug 5 – Aug 26
Spinach	—	—	Feb 21 – Mar 14	Sep 2 – Sep 23
Radishes	—	—	Feb 28 – Apr 11	Sep 16 – Oct 7
Cucumbers	Mar 7 – Mar 14	Apr 18 – Apr 25	Apr 11 – Apr 25	Aug 12 – Aug 26
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 7 – Mar 14	—	Apr 11 – Apr 25	Aug 19 – Sep 2
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 7 – Mar 14	—	Apr 11 – Apr 25	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 7 – Mar 14	Apr 18 – May 2	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 14 – Apr 11	Aug 5 – Aug 19
Beets	—	—	Mar 14 – Apr 11	Aug 19 – Sep 2
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 14 – Apr 4	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Mar 21 – Apr 18	Aug 19 – Sep 2
Cilantro	—	—	Mar 21 – Apr 11	Sep 2 – Sep 23
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 11 – May 2	Aug 12 – Aug 26
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 11 – Apr 25	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	Apr 18 – May 9	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 14 – Nov 18

Wait until after Apr 21 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.