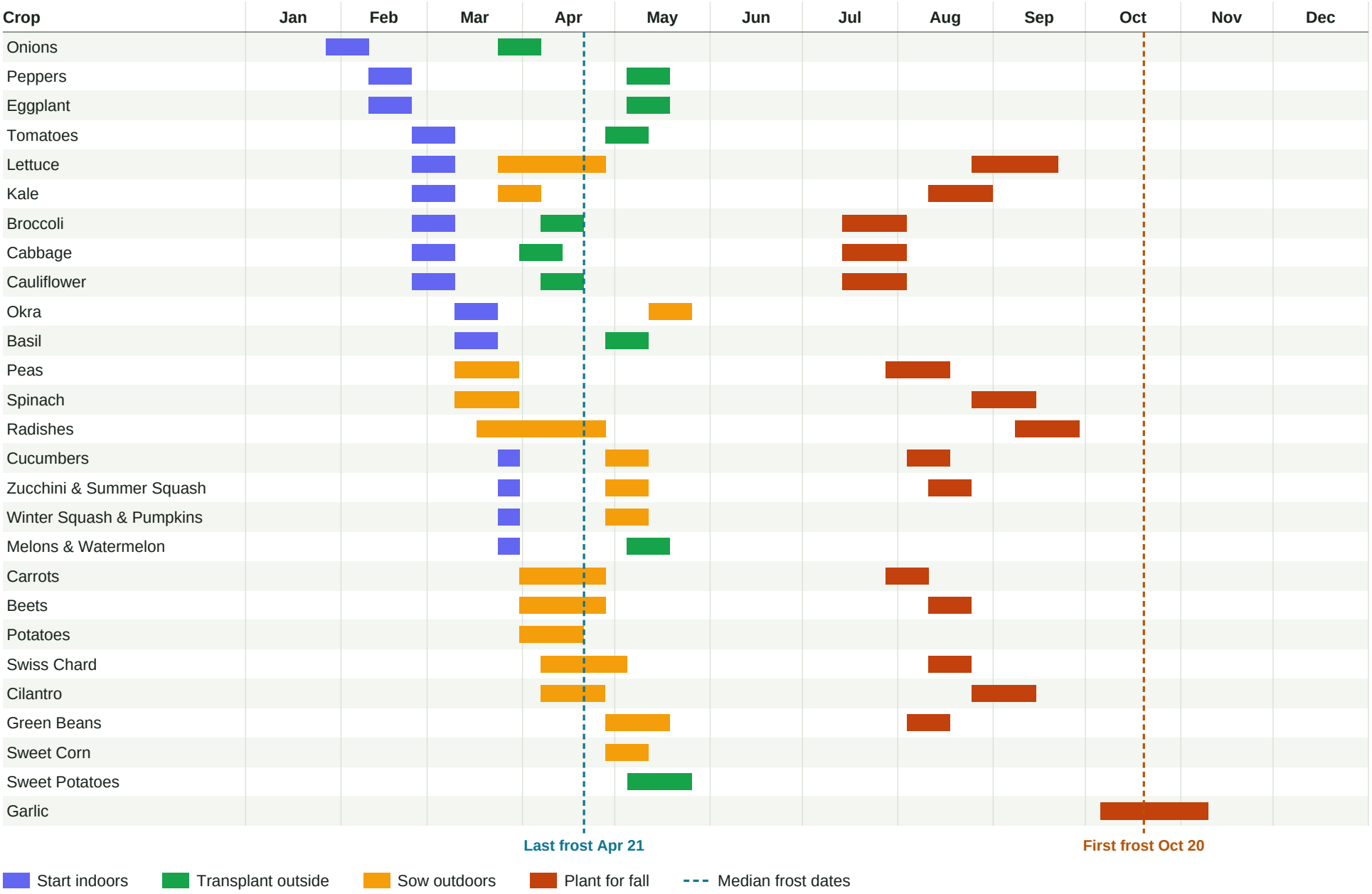
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 27 – Feb 10	Mar 24 – Apr 7	—	—
Peppers	Feb 10 – Feb 24	May 5 – May 19	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 10 – Feb 24	May 5 – May 19	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Apr 28 – May 12	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Mar 31 – Apr 14	Mar 24 – Apr 28	Aug 25 – Sep 22
Kale	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Mar 24 – Apr 7	Mar 24 – Apr 7	Aug 11 – Sep 1
Broccoli	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Apr 7 – Apr 21	—	Jul 14 – Aug 4
Cabbage	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Mar 31 – Apr 14	—	Jul 14 – Aug 4
Cauliflower	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Apr 7 – Apr 21	—	Jul 14 – Aug 4
Okra	Mar 10 – Mar 24	May 12 – May 26	May 12 – May 26	—
Basil	Mar 10 – Mar 24	Apr 28 – May 12	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 10 – Mar 31	Jul 28 – Aug 18
Spinach	—	—	Mar 10 – Mar 31	Aug 25 – Sep 15
Radishes	—	—	Mar 17 – Apr 28	Sep 8 – Sep 29
Cucumbers	Mar 24 – Mar 31	May 5 – May 12	Apr 28 – May 12	Aug 4 – Aug 18
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 24 – Mar 31	—	Apr 28 – May 12	Aug 11 – Aug 25
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 24 – Mar 31	—	Apr 28 – May 12	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 24 – Mar 31	May 5 – May 19	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 31 – Apr 28	Jul 28 – Aug 11
Beets	—	—	Mar 31 – Apr 28	Aug 11 – Aug 25
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 31 – Apr 21	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 7 – May 5	Aug 11 – Aug 25
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 7 – Apr 28	Aug 25 – Sep 15
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 28 – May 19	Aug 4 – Aug 18
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 28 – May 12	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 5 – May 26	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 6 – Nov 10

Wait until after May 7 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.