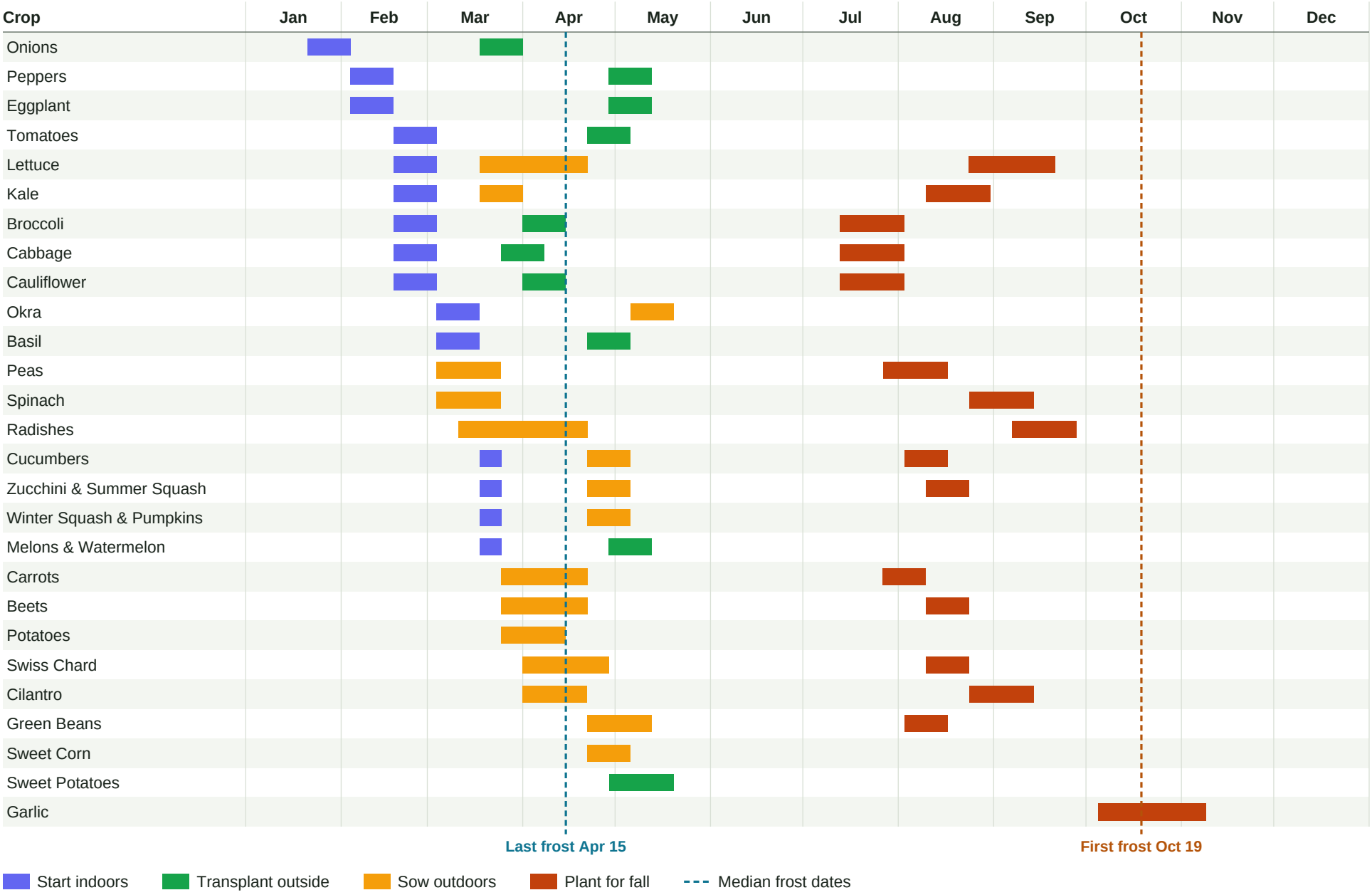
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 21 – Feb 4	Mar 18 – Apr 1	—	—
Peppers	Feb 4 – Feb 18	Apr 29 – May 13	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 4 – Feb 18	Apr 29 – May 13	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 18 – Mar 4	Apr 22 – May 6	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 18 – Mar 4	Mar 25 – Apr 8	Mar 18 – Apr 22	Aug 24 – Sep 21
Kale	Feb 18 – Mar 4	Mar 18 – Apr 1	Mar 18 – Apr 1	Aug 10 – Aug 31
Broccoli	Feb 18 – Mar 4	Apr 1 – Apr 15	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cabbage	Feb 18 – Mar 4	Mar 25 – Apr 8	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cauliflower	Feb 18 – Mar 4	Apr 1 – Apr 15	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Okra	Mar 4 – Mar 18	May 6 – May 20	May 6 – May 20	—
Basil	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 22 – May 6	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 4 – Mar 25	Jul 27 – Aug 17
Spinach	—	—	Mar 4 – Mar 25	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Radishes	—	—	Mar 11 – Apr 22	Sep 7 – Sep 28
Cucumbers	Mar 18 – Mar 25	Apr 29 – May 6	Apr 22 – May 6	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 18 – Mar 25	—	Apr 22 – May 6	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 18 – Mar 25	—	Apr 22 – May 6	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 18 – Mar 25	Apr 29 – May 13	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 25 – Apr 22	Jul 27 – Aug 10
Beets	—	—	Mar 25 – Apr 22	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 25 – Apr 15	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 1 – Apr 29	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 1 – Apr 22	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 22 – May 13	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 22 – May 6	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	Apr 29 – May 20	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 5 – Nov 9

Wait until after May 1 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.