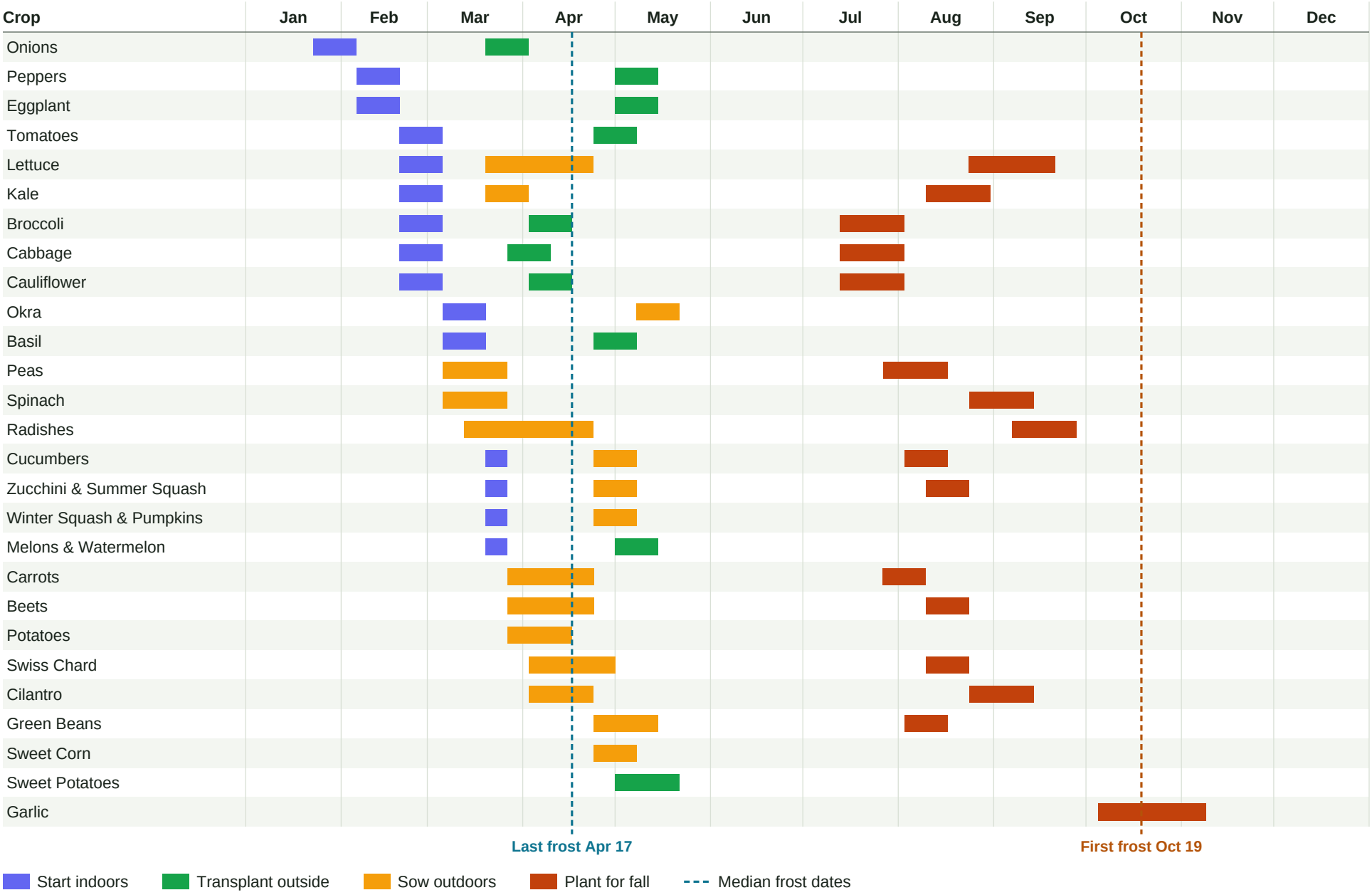
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 23 – Feb 6	Mar 20 – Apr 3	—	—
Peppers	Feb 6 – Feb 20	May 1 – May 15	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 6 – Feb 20	May 1 – May 15	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 20 – Mar 6	Apr 24 – May 8	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 20 – Mar 6	Mar 27 – Apr 10	Mar 20 – Apr 24	Aug 24 – Sep 21
Kale	Feb 20 – Mar 6	Mar 20 – Apr 3	Mar 20 – Apr 3	Aug 10 – Aug 31
Broccoli	Feb 20 – Mar 6	Apr 3 – Apr 17	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cabbage	Feb 20 – Mar 6	Mar 27 – Apr 10	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cauliflower	Feb 20 – Mar 6	Apr 3 – Apr 17	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Okra	Mar 6 – Mar 20	May 8 – May 22	May 8 – May 22	—
Basil	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 24 – May 8	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 6 – Mar 27	Jul 27 – Aug 17
Spinach	—	—	Mar 6 – Mar 27	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Radishes	—	—	Mar 13 – Apr 24	Sep 7 – Sep 28
Cucumbers	Mar 20 – Mar 27	May 1 – May 8	Apr 24 – May 8	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 20 – Mar 27	—	Apr 24 – May 8	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 20 – Mar 27	—	Apr 24 – May 8	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 20 – Mar 27	May 1 – May 15	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 27 – Apr 24	Jul 27 – Aug 10
Beets	—	—	Mar 27 – Apr 24	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 27 – Apr 17	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 3 – May 1	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 3 – Apr 24	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 24 – May 15	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 24 – May 8	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 1 – May 22	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 5 – Nov 9

Wait until after May 3 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.