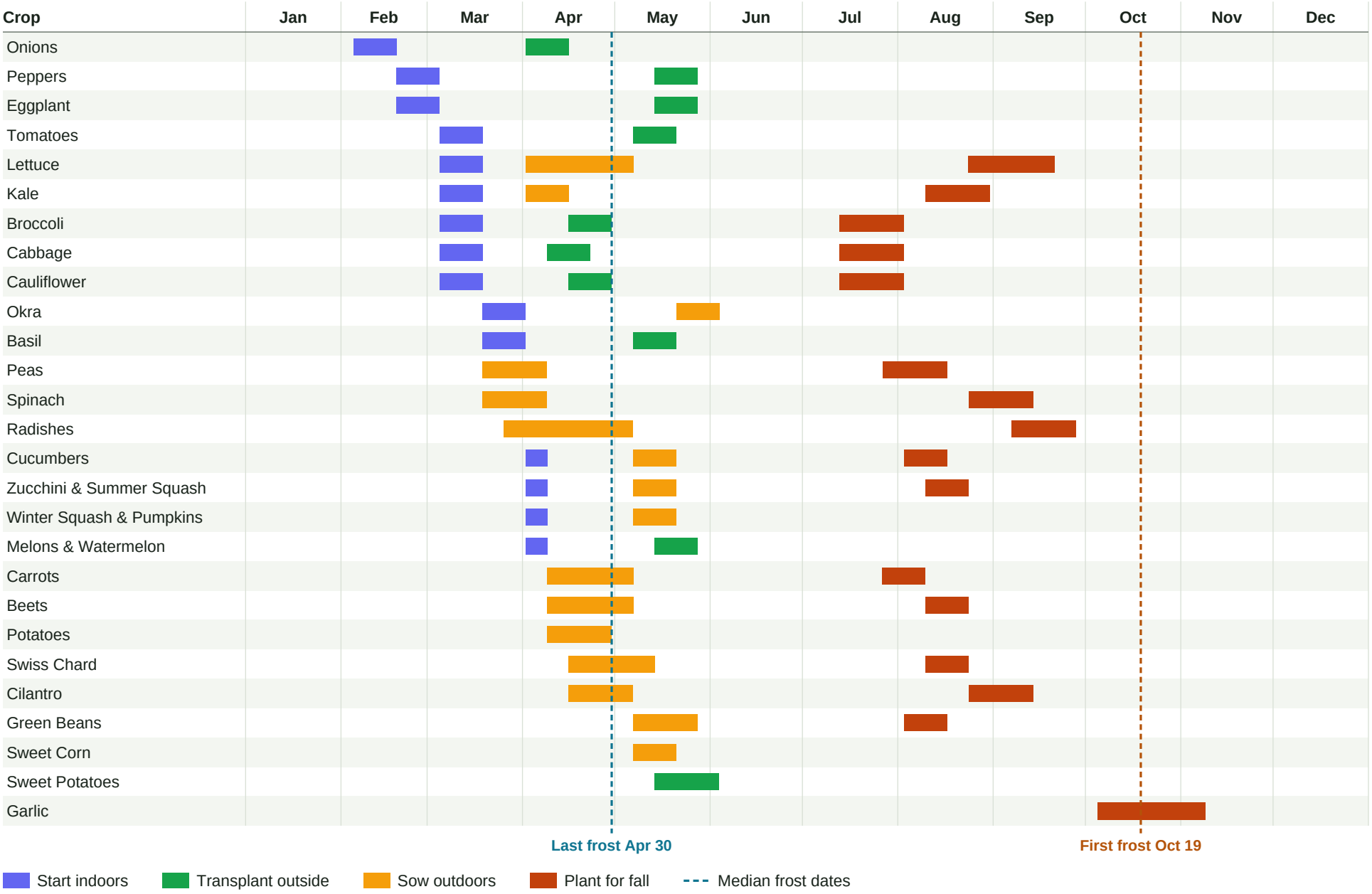
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 5 – Feb 19	Apr 2 – Apr 16	—	—
Peppers	Feb 19 – Mar 5	May 14 – May 28	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 19 – Mar 5	May 14 – May 28	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 5 – Mar 19	May 7 – May 21	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 9 – Apr 23	Apr 2 – May 7	Aug 24 – Sep 21
Kale	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 2 – Apr 16	Apr 2 – Apr 16	Aug 10 – Aug 31
Broccoli	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 16 – Apr 30	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cabbage	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 9 – Apr 23	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cauliflower	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 16 – Apr 30	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Okra	Mar 19 – Apr 2	May 21 – Jun 4	May 21 – Jun 4	—
Basil	Mar 19 – Apr 2	May 7 – May 21	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 19 – Apr 9	Jul 27 – Aug 17
Spinach	—	—	Mar 19 – Apr 9	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Radishes	—	—	Mar 26 – May 7	Sep 7 – Sep 28
Cucumbers	Apr 2 – Apr 9	May 14 – May 21	May 7 – May 21	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 2 – Apr 9	—	May 7 – May 21	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Apr 2 – Apr 9	—	May 7 – May 21	—
Melons & Watermelon	Apr 2 – Apr 9	May 14 – May 28	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 9 – May 7	Jul 27 – Aug 10
Beets	—	—	Apr 9 – May 7	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 9 – Apr 30	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 16 – May 14	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 16 – May 7	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Green Beans	—	—	May 7 – May 28	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 7 – May 21	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 14 – Jun 4	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 5 – Nov 9

Wait until after May 14 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.