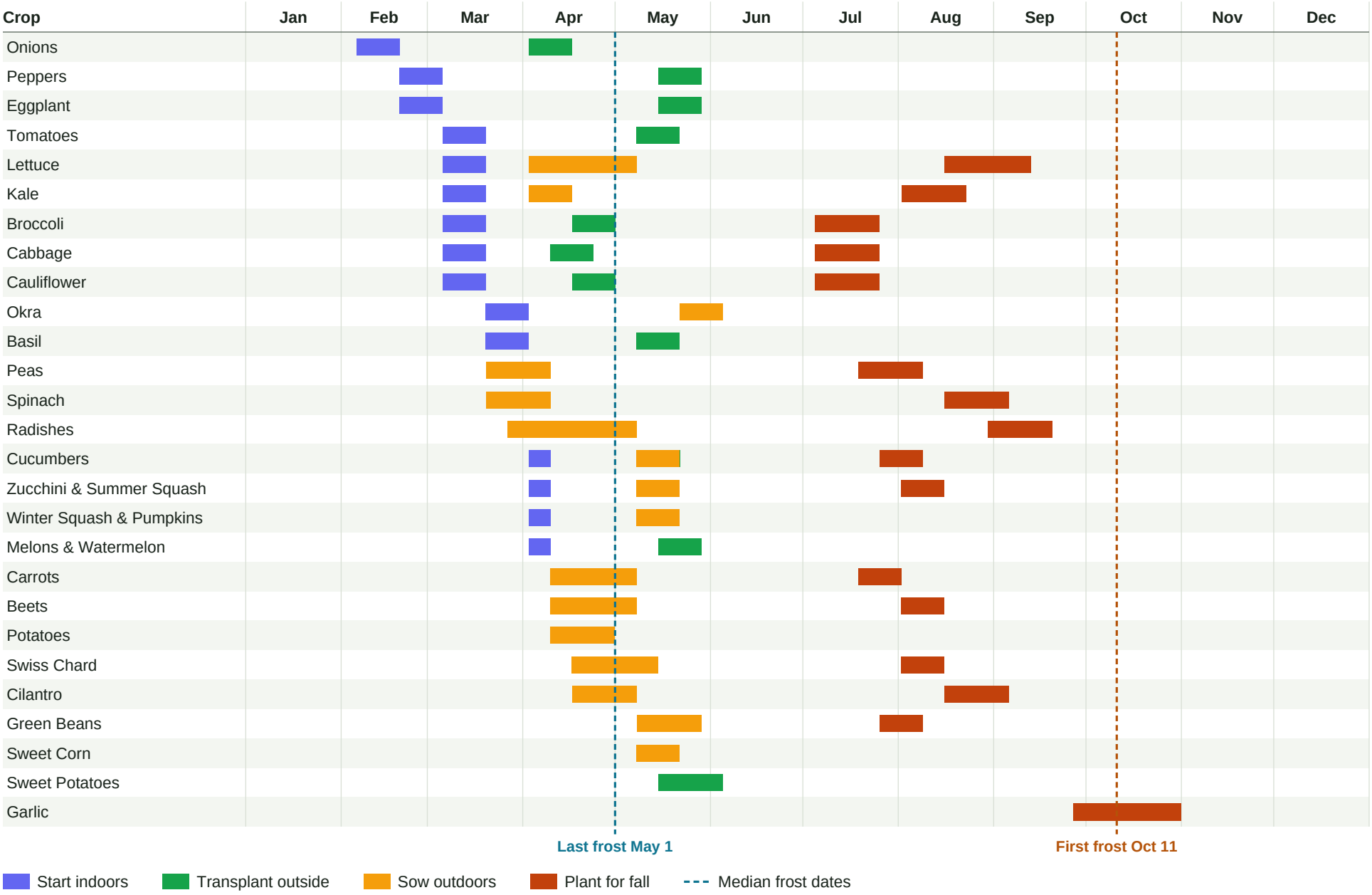
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 6 – Feb 20	Apr 3 – Apr 17	—	—
Peppers	Feb 20 – Mar 6	May 15 – May 29	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 20 – Mar 6	May 15 – May 29	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 6 – Mar 20	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 10 – Apr 24	Apr 3 – May 8	Aug 16 – Sep 13
Kale	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 3 – Apr 17	Apr 3 – Apr 17	Aug 2 – Aug 23
Broccoli	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 17 – May 1	—	Jul 5 – Jul 26
Cabbage	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 10 – Apr 24	—	Jul 5 – Jul 26
Cauliflower	Mar 6 – Mar 20	Apr 17 – May 1	—	Jul 5 – Jul 26
Okra	Mar 20 – Apr 3	May 22 – Jun 5	May 22 – Jun 5	—
Basil	Mar 20 – Apr 3	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 20 – Apr 10	Jul 19 – Aug 9
Spinach	—	—	Mar 20 – Apr 10	Aug 16 – Sep 6
Radishes	—	—	Mar 27 – May 8	Aug 30 – Sep 20
Cucumbers	Apr 3 – Apr 10	May 15 – May 22	May 8 – May 22	Jul 26 – Aug 9
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 3 – Apr 10	—	May 8 – May 22	Aug 2 – Aug 16
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Apr 3 – Apr 10	—	May 8 – May 22	—
Melons & Watermelon	Apr 3 – Apr 10	May 15 – May 29	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 10 – May 8	Jul 19 – Aug 2
Beets	—	—	Apr 10 – May 8	Aug 2 – Aug 16
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 10 – May 1	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 17 – May 15	Aug 2 – Aug 16
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 17 – May 8	Aug 16 – Sep 6
Green Beans	—	—	May 8 – May 29	Jul 26 – Aug 9
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 8 – May 22	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 15 – Jun 5	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 27 – Nov 1

Wait until after May 19 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.