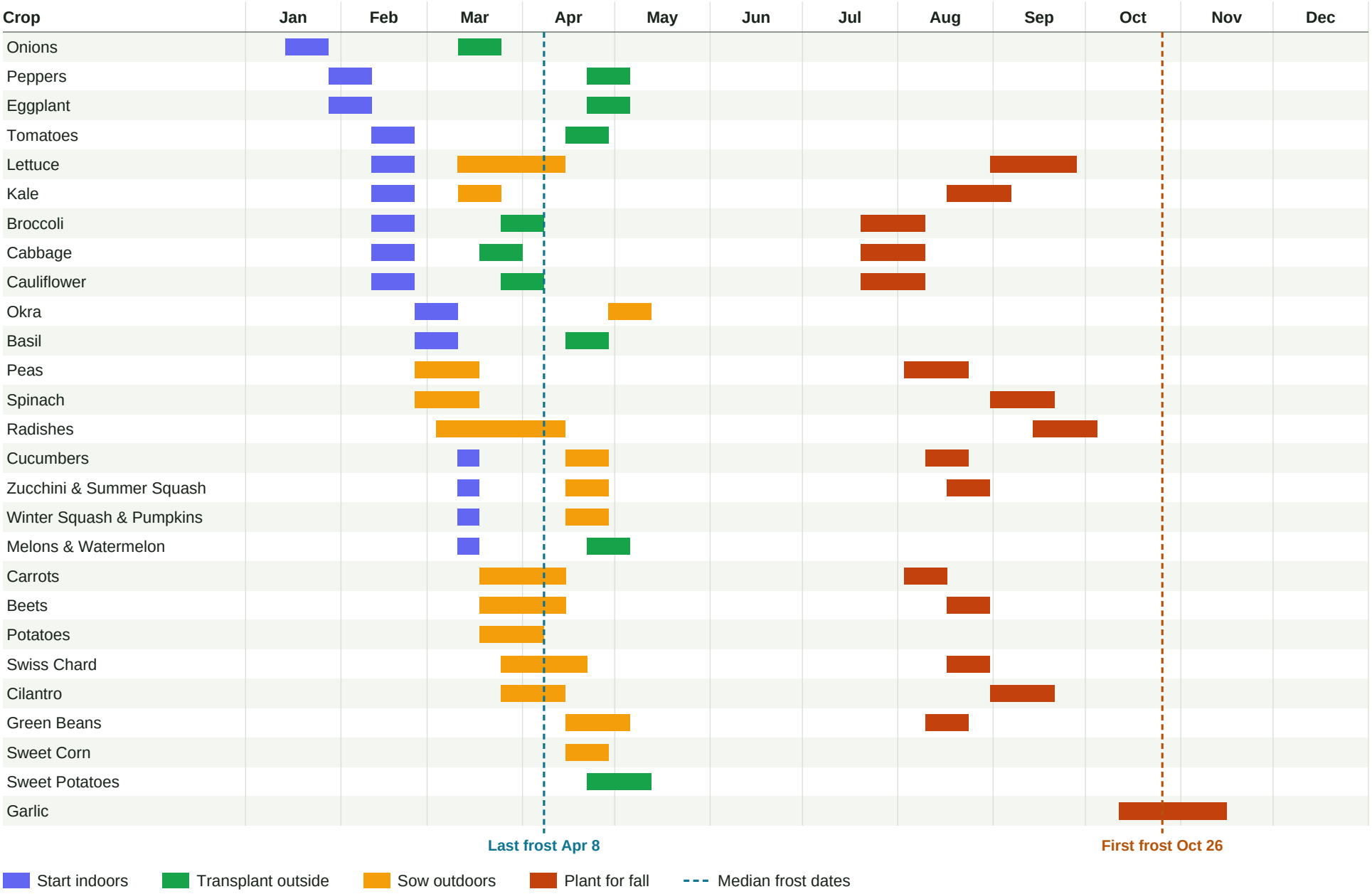
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 14 – Jan 28	Mar 11 – Mar 25	—	—
Peppers	Jan 28 – Feb 11	Apr 22 – May 6	—	—
Eggplant	Jan 28 – Feb 11	Apr 22 – May 6	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 11 – Feb 25	Apr 15 – Apr 29	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 11 – Feb 25	Mar 18 – Apr 1	Mar 11 – Apr 15	Aug 31 – Sep 28
Kale	Feb 11 – Feb 25	Mar 11 – Mar 25	Mar 11 – Mar 25	Aug 17 – Sep 7
Broccoli	Feb 11 – Feb 25	Mar 25 – Apr 8	—	Jul 20 – Aug 10
Cabbage	Feb 11 – Feb 25	Mar 18 – Apr 1	—	Jul 20 – Aug 10
Cauliflower	Feb 11 – Feb 25	Mar 25 – Apr 8	—	Jul 20 – Aug 10
Okra	Feb 25 – Mar 11	Apr 29 – May 13	Apr 29 – May 13	—
Basil	Feb 25 – Mar 11	Apr 15 – Apr 29	—	—
Peas	—	—	Feb 25 – Mar 18	Aug 3 – Aug 24
Spinach	—	—	Feb 25 – Mar 18	Aug 31 – Sep 21
Radishes	—	—	Mar 4 – Apr 15	Sep 14 – Oct 5
Cucumbers	Mar 11 – Mar 18	Apr 22 – Apr 29	Apr 15 – Apr 29	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 11 – Mar 18	—	Apr 15 – Apr 29	Aug 17 – Aug 31
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 11 – Mar 18	—	Apr 15 – Apr 29	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 11 – Mar 18	Apr 22 – May 6	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 18 – Apr 15	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Beets	—	—	Mar 18 – Apr 15	Aug 17 – Aug 31
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 18 – Apr 8	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Mar 25 – Apr 22	Aug 17 – Aug 31
Cilantro	—	—	Mar 25 – Apr 15	Aug 31 – Sep 21
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 15 – May 6	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 15 – Apr 29	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	Apr 22 – May 13	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 12 – Nov 16

Wait until after Apr 23 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.