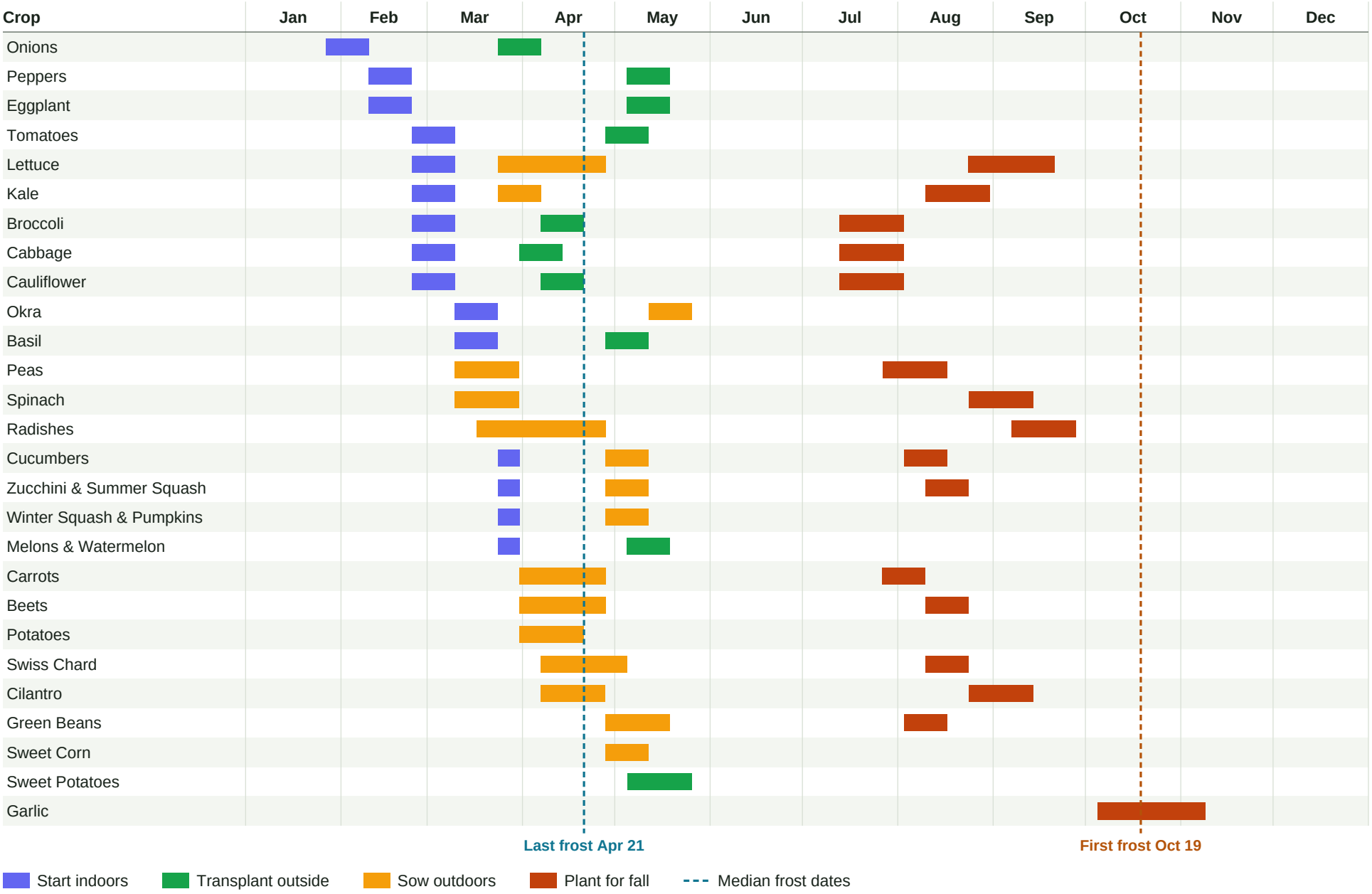
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 27 – Feb 10	Mar 24 – Apr 7	—	—
Peppers	Feb 10 – Feb 24	May 5 – May 19	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 10 – Feb 24	May 5 – May 19	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Apr 28 – May 12	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Mar 31 – Apr 14	Mar 24 – Apr 28	Aug 24 – Sep 21
Kale	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Mar 24 – Apr 7	Mar 24 – Apr 7	Aug 10 – Aug 31
Broccoli	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Apr 7 – Apr 21	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cabbage	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Mar 31 – Apr 14	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Cauliflower	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Apr 7 – Apr 21	—	Jul 13 – Aug 3
Okra	Mar 10 – Mar 24	May 12 – May 26	May 12 – May 26	—
Basil	Mar 10 – Mar 24	Apr 28 – May 12	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 10 – Mar 31	Jul 27 – Aug 17
Spinach	—	—	Mar 10 – Mar 31	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Radishes	—	—	Mar 17 – Apr 28	Sep 7 – Sep 28
Cucumbers	Mar 24 – Mar 31	May 5 – May 12	Apr 28 – May 12	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 24 – Mar 31	—	Apr 28 – May 12	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 24 – Mar 31	—	Apr 28 – May 12	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 24 – Mar 31	May 5 – May 19	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 31 – Apr 28	Jul 27 – Aug 10
Beets	—	—	Mar 31 – Apr 28	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 31 – Apr 21	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 7 – May 5	Aug 10 – Aug 24
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 7 – Apr 28	Aug 24 – Sep 14
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 28 – May 19	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 28 – May 12	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 5 – May 26	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 5 – Nov 9

Wait until after May 5 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.