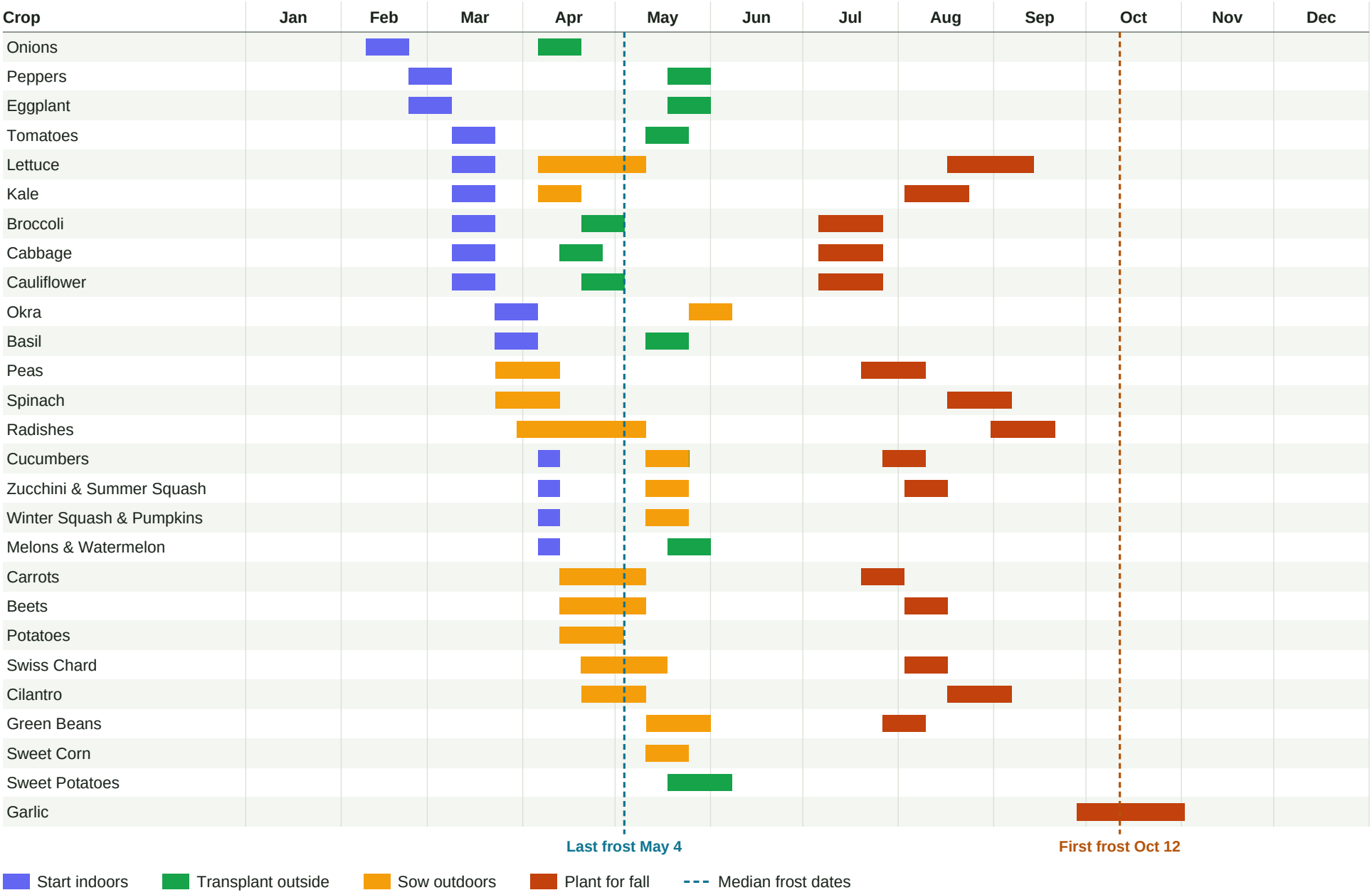
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 9 – Feb 23	Apr 6 – Apr 20	—	—
Peppers	Feb 23 – Mar 9	May 18 – Jun 1	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 23 – Mar 9	May 18 – Jun 1	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 9 – Mar 23	May 11 – May 25	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 9 – Mar 23	Apr 13 – Apr 27	Apr 6 – May 11	Aug 17 – Sep 14
Kale	Mar 9 – Mar 23	Apr 6 – Apr 20	Apr 6 – Apr 20	Aug 3 – Aug 24
Broccoli	Mar 9 – Mar 23	Apr 20 – May 4	—	Jul 6 – Jul 27
Cabbage	Mar 9 – Mar 23	Apr 13 – Apr 27	—	Jul 6 – Jul 27
Cauliflower	Mar 9 – Mar 23	Apr 20 – May 4	—	Jul 6 – Jul 27
Okra	Mar 23 – Apr 6	May 25 – Jun 8	May 25 – Jun 8	—
Basil	Mar 23 – Apr 6	May 11 – May 25	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 23 – Apr 13	Jul 20 – Aug 10
Spinach	—	—	Mar 23 – Apr 13	Aug 17 – Sep 7
Radishes	—	—	Mar 30 – May 11	Aug 31 – Sep 21
Cucumbers	Apr 6 – Apr 13	May 18 – May 25	May 11 – May 25	Jul 27 – Aug 10
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 6 – Apr 13	—	May 11 – May 25	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Apr 6 – Apr 13	—	May 11 – May 25	—
Melons & Watermelon	Apr 6 – Apr 13	May 18 – Jun 1	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 13 – May 11	Jul 20 – Aug 3
Beets	—	—	Apr 13 – May 11	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 13 – May 4	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 20 – May 18	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 20 – May 11	Aug 17 – Sep 7
Green Beans	—	—	May 11 – Jun 1	Jul 27 – Aug 10
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 11 – May 25	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 18 – Jun 8	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 28 – Nov 2

Wait until after May 17 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.