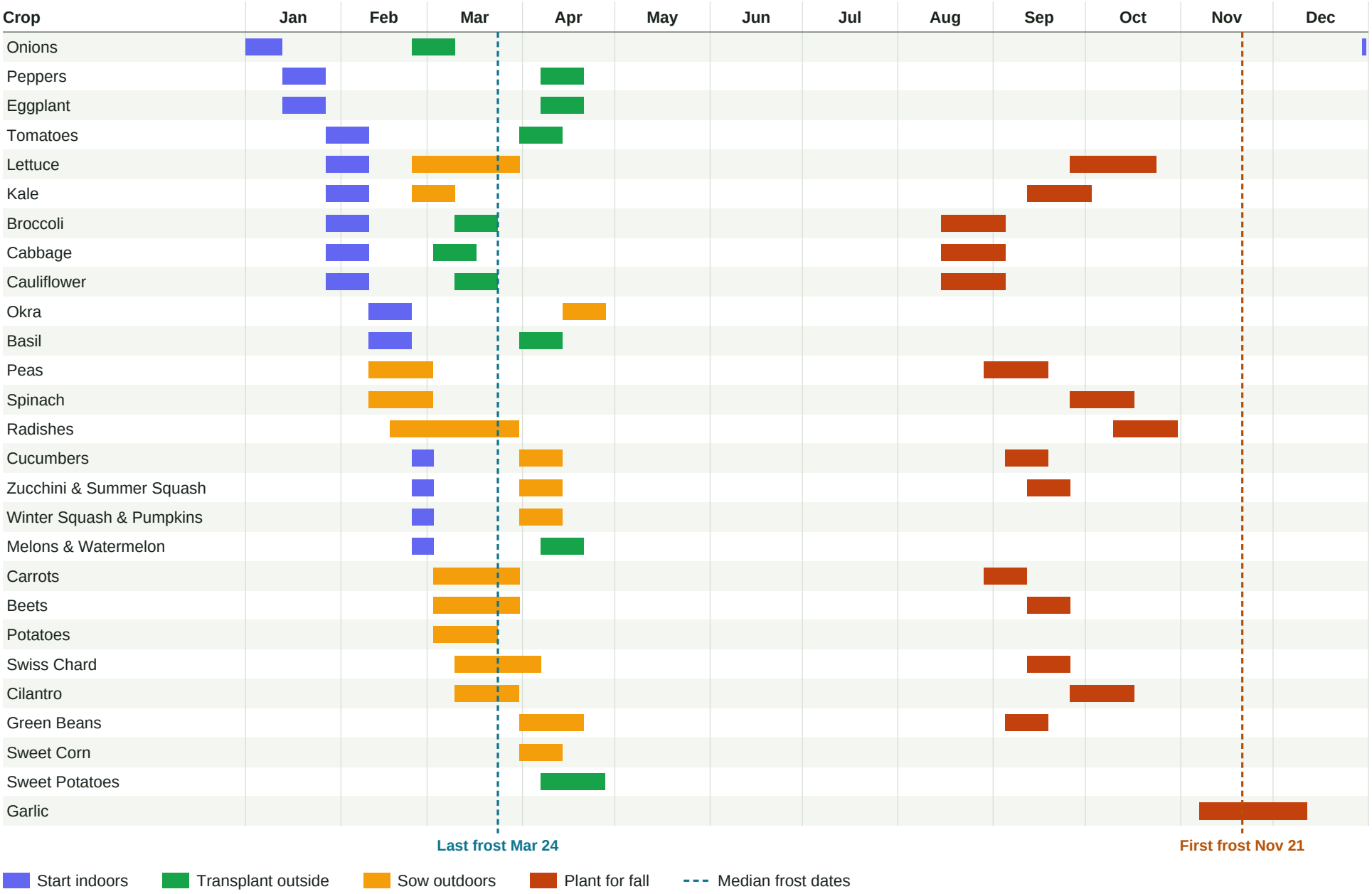
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Dec 30 – Jan 13	Feb 24 – Mar 10	—	—
Peppers	Jan 13 – Jan 27	Apr 7 – Apr 21	—	—
Eggplant	Jan 13 – Jan 27	Apr 7 – Apr 21	—	—
Tomatoes	Jan 27 – Feb 10	Mar 31 – Apr 14	—	—
Lettuce	Jan 27 – Feb 10	Mar 3 – Mar 17	Feb 24 – Mar 31	Sep 26 – Oct 24
Kale	Jan 27 – Feb 10	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Feb 24 – Mar 10	Sep 12 – Oct 3
Broccoli	Jan 27 – Feb 10	Mar 10 – Mar 24	—	Aug 15 – Sep 5
Cabbage	Jan 27 – Feb 10	Mar 3 – Mar 17	—	Aug 15 – Sep 5
Cauliflower	Jan 27 – Feb 10	Mar 10 – Mar 24	—	Aug 15 – Sep 5
Okra	Feb 10 – Feb 24	Apr 14 – Apr 28	Apr 14 – Apr 28	—
Basil	Feb 10 – Feb 24	Mar 31 – Apr 14	—	—
Peas	—	—	Feb 10 – Mar 3	Aug 29 – Sep 19
Spinach	—	—	Feb 10 – Mar 3	Sep 26 – Oct 17
Radishes	—	—	Feb 17 – Mar 31	Oct 10 – Oct 31
Cucumbers	Feb 24 – Mar 3	Apr 7 – Apr 14	Mar 31 – Apr 14	Sep 5 – Sep 19
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Feb 24 – Mar 3	—	Mar 31 – Apr 14	Sep 12 – Sep 26
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Feb 24 – Mar 3	—	Mar 31 – Apr 14	—
Melons & Watermelon	Feb 24 – Mar 3	Apr 7 – Apr 21	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 3 – Mar 31	Aug 29 – Sep 12
Beets	—	—	Mar 3 – Mar 31	Sep 12 – Sep 26
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 3 – Mar 24	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Mar 10 – Apr 7	Sep 12 – Sep 26
Cilantro	—	—	Mar 10 – Mar 31	Sep 26 – Oct 17
Green Beans	—	—	Mar 31 – Apr 21	Sep 5 – Sep 19
Sweet Corn	—	—	Mar 31 – Apr 14	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	Apr 7 – Apr 28	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Nov 7 – Dec 12

Wait until after Apr 4 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.