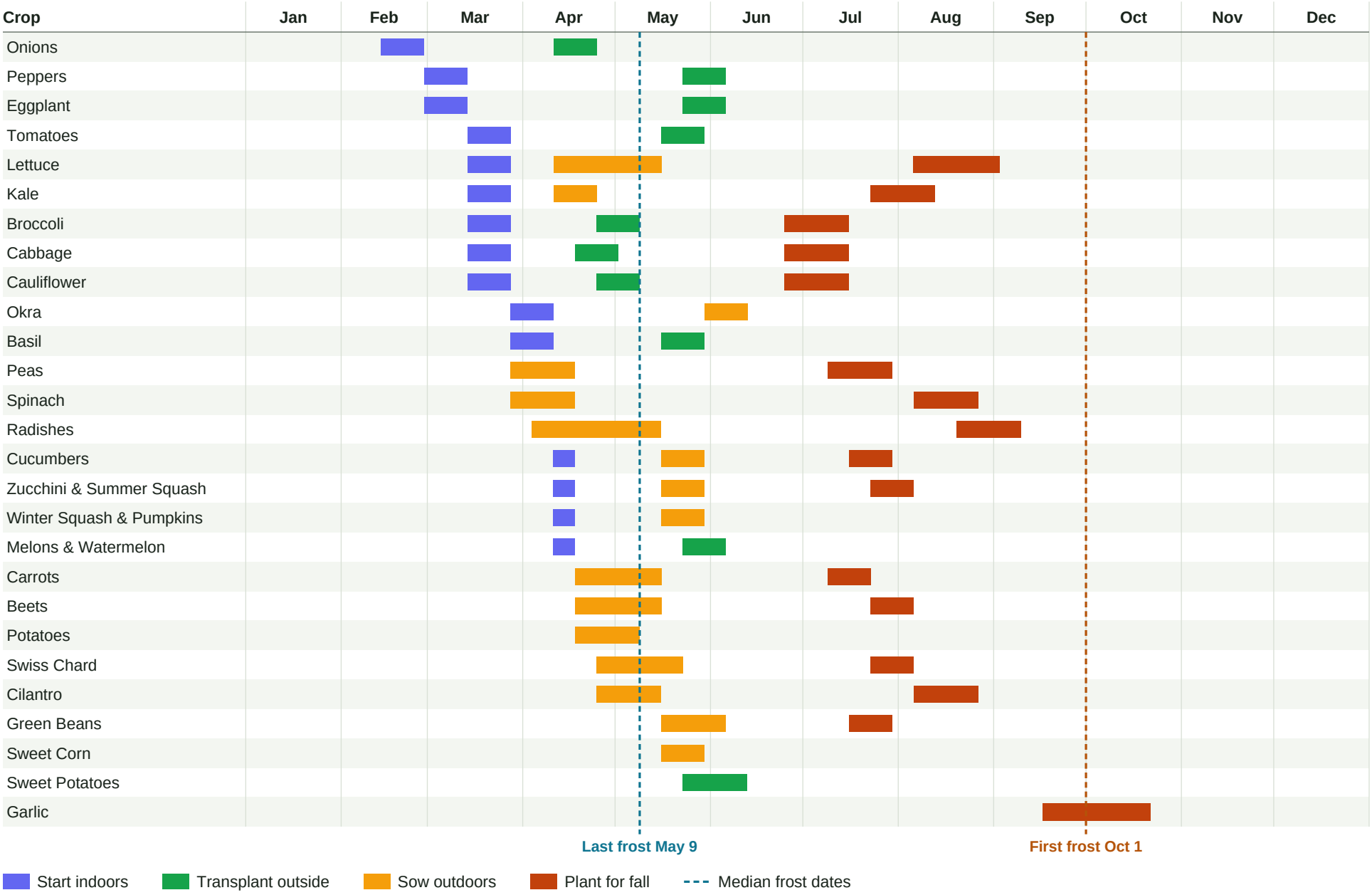
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 14 – Feb 28	Apr 11 – Apr 25	—	—
Peppers	Feb 28 – Mar 14	May 23 – Jun 6	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 28 – Mar 14	May 23 – Jun 6	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 14 – Mar 28	May 16 – May 30	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 14 – Mar 28	Apr 18 – May 2	Apr 11 – May 16	Aug 6 – Sep 3
Kale	Mar 14 – Mar 28	Apr 11 – Apr 25	Apr 11 – Apr 25	Jul 23 – Aug 13
Broccoli	Mar 14 – Mar 28	Apr 25 – May 9	—	Jun 25 – Jul 16
Cabbage	Mar 14 – Mar 28	Apr 18 – May 2	—	Jun 25 – Jul 16
Cauliflower	Mar 14 – Mar 28	Apr 25 – May 9	—	Jun 25 – Jul 16
Okra	Mar 28 – Apr 11	May 30 – Jun 13	May 30 – Jun 13	—
Basil	Mar 28 – Apr 11	May 16 – May 30	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 28 – Apr 18	Jul 9 – Jul 30
Spinach	—	—	Mar 28 – Apr 18	Aug 6 – Aug 27
Radishes	—	—	Apr 4 – May 16	Aug 20 – Sep 10
Cucumbers	Apr 11 – Apr 18	May 23 – May 30	May 16 – May 30	Jul 16 – Jul 30
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 11 – Apr 18	—	May 16 – May 30	Jul 23 – Aug 6
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Apr 11 – Apr 18	—	May 16 – May 30	—
Melons & Watermelon	Apr 11 – Apr 18	May 23 – Jun 6	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 18 – May 16	Jul 9 – Jul 23
Beets	—	—	Apr 18 – May 16	Jul 23 – Aug 6
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 18 – May 9	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 25 – May 23	Jul 23 – Aug 6
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 25 – May 16	Aug 6 – Aug 27
Green Beans	—	—	May 16 – Jun 6	Jul 16 – Jul 30
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 16 – May 30	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 23 – Jun 13	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 17 – Oct 22

Wait until after May 30 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.