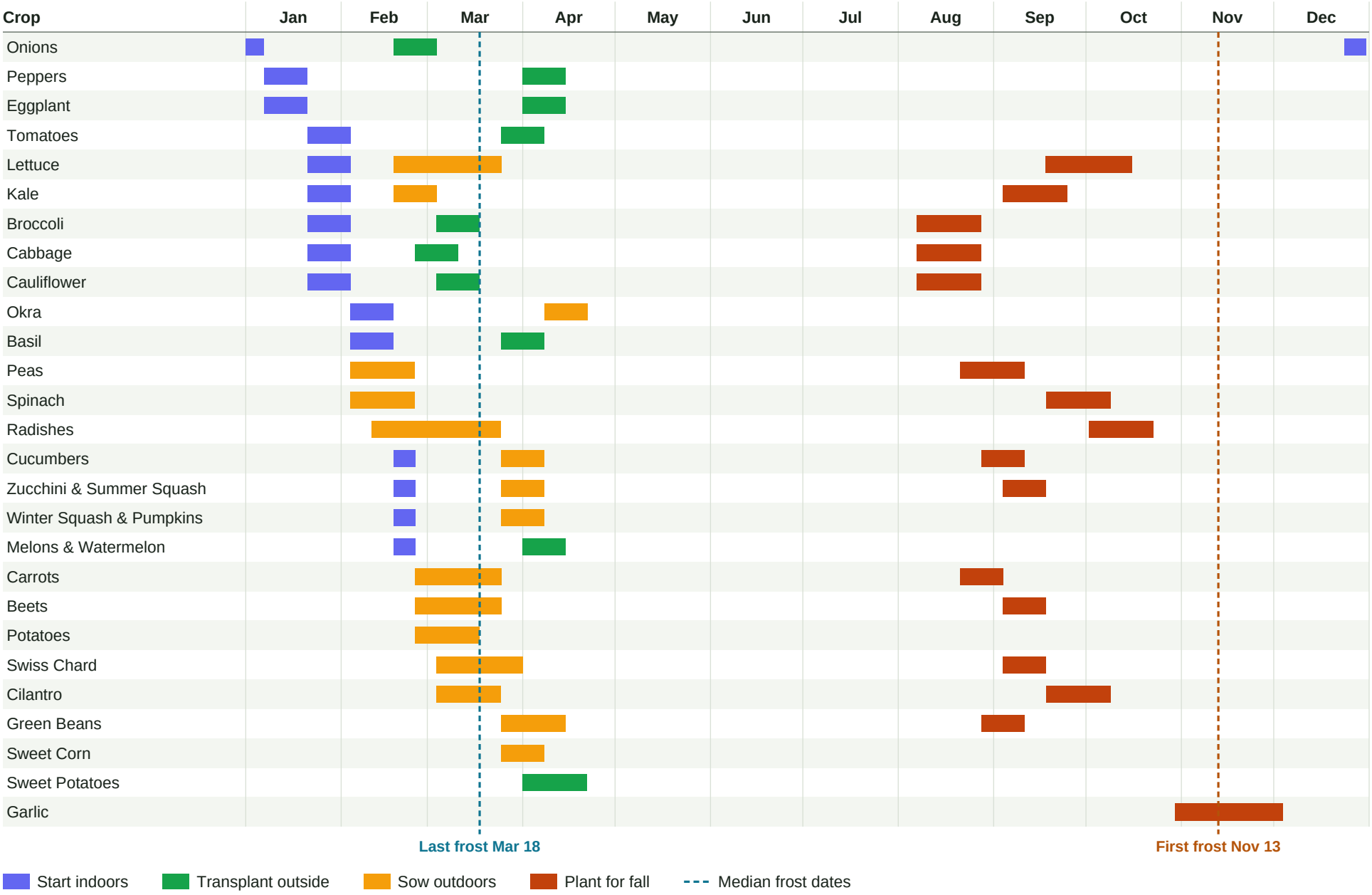
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Dec 24 – Jan 7	Feb 18 – Mar 4	—	—
Peppers	Jan 7 – Jan 21	Apr 1 – Apr 15	—	—
Eggplant	Jan 7 – Jan 21	Apr 1 – Apr 15	—	—
Tomatoes	Jan 21 – Feb 4	Mar 25 – Apr 8	—	—
Lettuce	Jan 21 – Feb 4	Feb 25 – Mar 11	Feb 18 – Mar 25	Sep 18 – Oct 16
Kale	Jan 21 – Feb 4	Feb 18 – Mar 4	Feb 18 – Mar 4	Sep 4 – Sep 25
Broccoli	Jan 21 – Feb 4	Mar 4 – Mar 18	—	Aug 7 – Aug 28
Cabbage	Jan 21 – Feb 4	Feb 25 – Mar 11	—	Aug 7 – Aug 28
Cauliflower	Jan 21 – Feb 4	Mar 4 – Mar 18	—	Aug 7 – Aug 28
Okra	Feb 4 – Feb 18	Apr 8 – Apr 22	Apr 8 – Apr 22	—
Basil	Feb 4 – Feb 18	Mar 25 – Apr 8	—	—
Peas	—	—	Feb 4 – Feb 25	Aug 21 – Sep 11
Spinach	—	—	Feb 4 – Feb 25	Sep 18 – Oct 9
Radishes	—	—	Feb 11 – Mar 25	Oct 2 – Oct 23
Cucumbers	Feb 18 – Feb 25	Apr 1 – Apr 8	Mar 25 – Apr 8	Aug 28 – Sep 11
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Feb 18 – Feb 25	—	Mar 25 – Apr 8	Sep 4 – Sep 18
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Feb 18 – Feb 25	—	Mar 25 – Apr 8	—
Melons & Watermelon	Feb 18 – Feb 25	Apr 1 – Apr 15	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Feb 25 – Mar 25	Aug 21 – Sep 4
Beets	—	—	Feb 25 – Mar 25	Sep 4 – Sep 18
Potatoes	—	—	Feb 25 – Mar 18	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Mar 4 – Apr 1	Sep 4 – Sep 18
Cilantro	—	—	Mar 4 – Mar 25	Sep 18 – Oct 9
Green Beans	—	—	Mar 25 – Apr 15	Aug 28 – Sep 11
Sweet Corn	—	—	Mar 25 – Apr 8	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	Apr 1 – Apr 22	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 30 – Dec 4

Wait until after Apr 1 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.