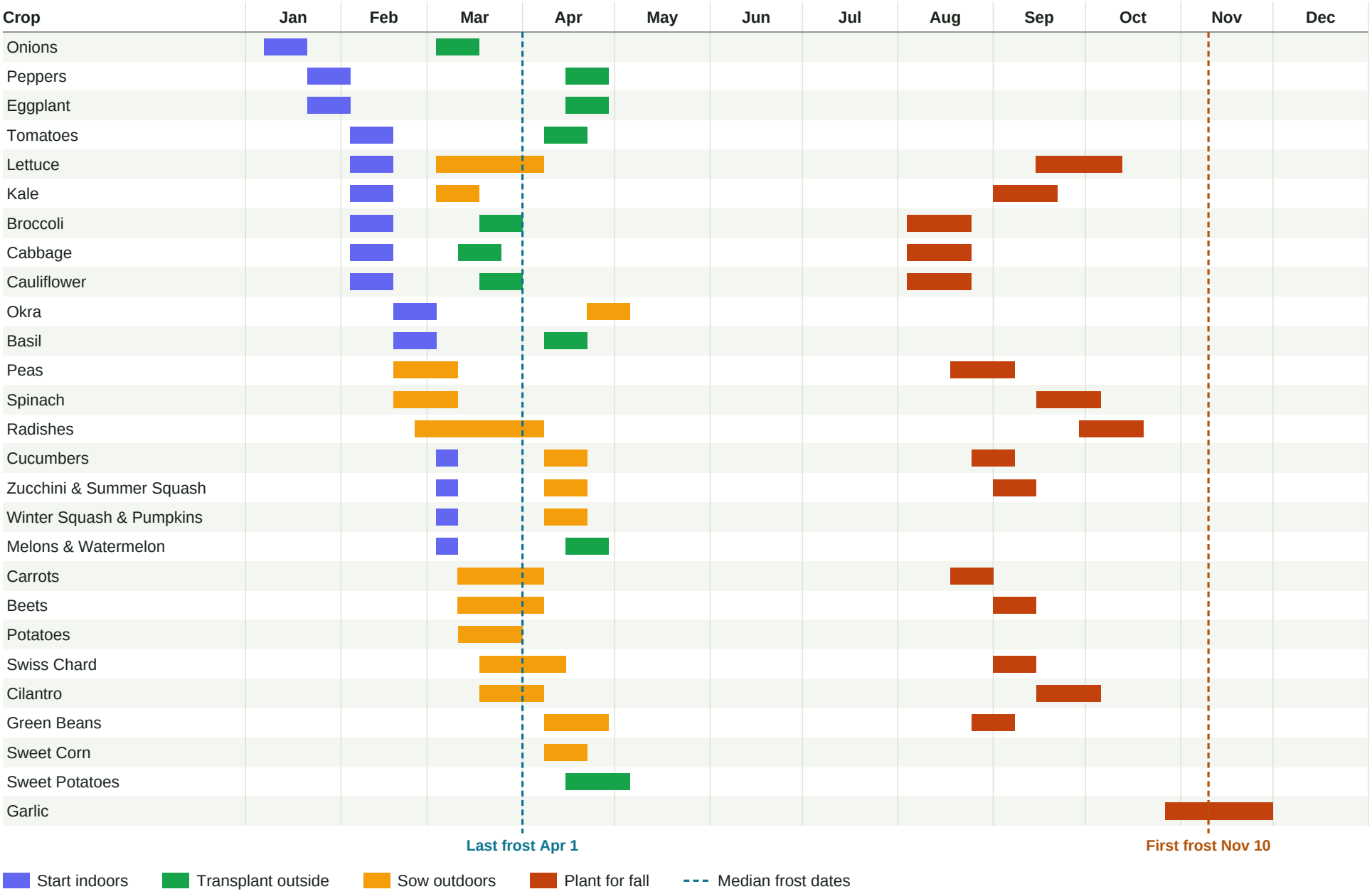
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Jan 7 – Jan 21 | Mar 4 – Mar 18 | — | — |
| Peppers | Jan 21 – Feb 4 | Apr 15 – Apr 29 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Jan 21 – Feb 4 | Apr 15 – Apr 29 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 11 – Mar 25 | Mar 4 – Apr 8 | Sep 15 – Oct 13 |
| Kale | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 4 – Mar 18 | Mar 4 – Mar 18 | Sep 1 – Sep 22 |
| Broccoli | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 18 – Apr 1 | — | Aug 4 – Aug 25 |
| Cabbage | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 11 – Mar 25 | — | Aug 4 – Aug 25 |
| Cauliflower | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 18 – Apr 1 | — | Aug 4 – Aug 25 |
| Okra | Feb 18 – Mar 4 | Apr 22 – May 6 | Apr 22 – May 6 | — |
| Basil | Feb 18 – Mar 4 | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Feb 18 – Mar 11 | Aug 18 – Sep 8 |
| Spinach | — | — | Feb 18 – Mar 11 | Sep 15 – Oct 6 |
| Radishes | — | — | Feb 25 – Apr 8 | Sep 29 – Oct 20 |
| Cucumbers | Mar 4 – Mar 11 | Apr 15 – Apr 22 | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | Aug 25 – Sep 8 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Mar 4 – Mar 11 | — | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | Sep 1 – Sep 15 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Mar 4 – Mar 11 | — | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Mar 4 – Mar 11 | Apr 15 – Apr 29 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Mar 11 – Apr 8 | Aug 18 – Sep 1 |
| Beets | — | — | Mar 11 – Apr 8 | Sep 1 – Sep 15 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Mar 11 – Apr 1 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Mar 18 – Apr 15 | Sep 1 – Sep 15 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Mar 18 – Apr 8 | Sep 15 – Oct 6 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Apr 8 – Apr 29 | Aug 25 – Sep 8 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | Apr 15 – May 6 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Oct 27 – Dec 1 |

Wait until after Apr 15 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.