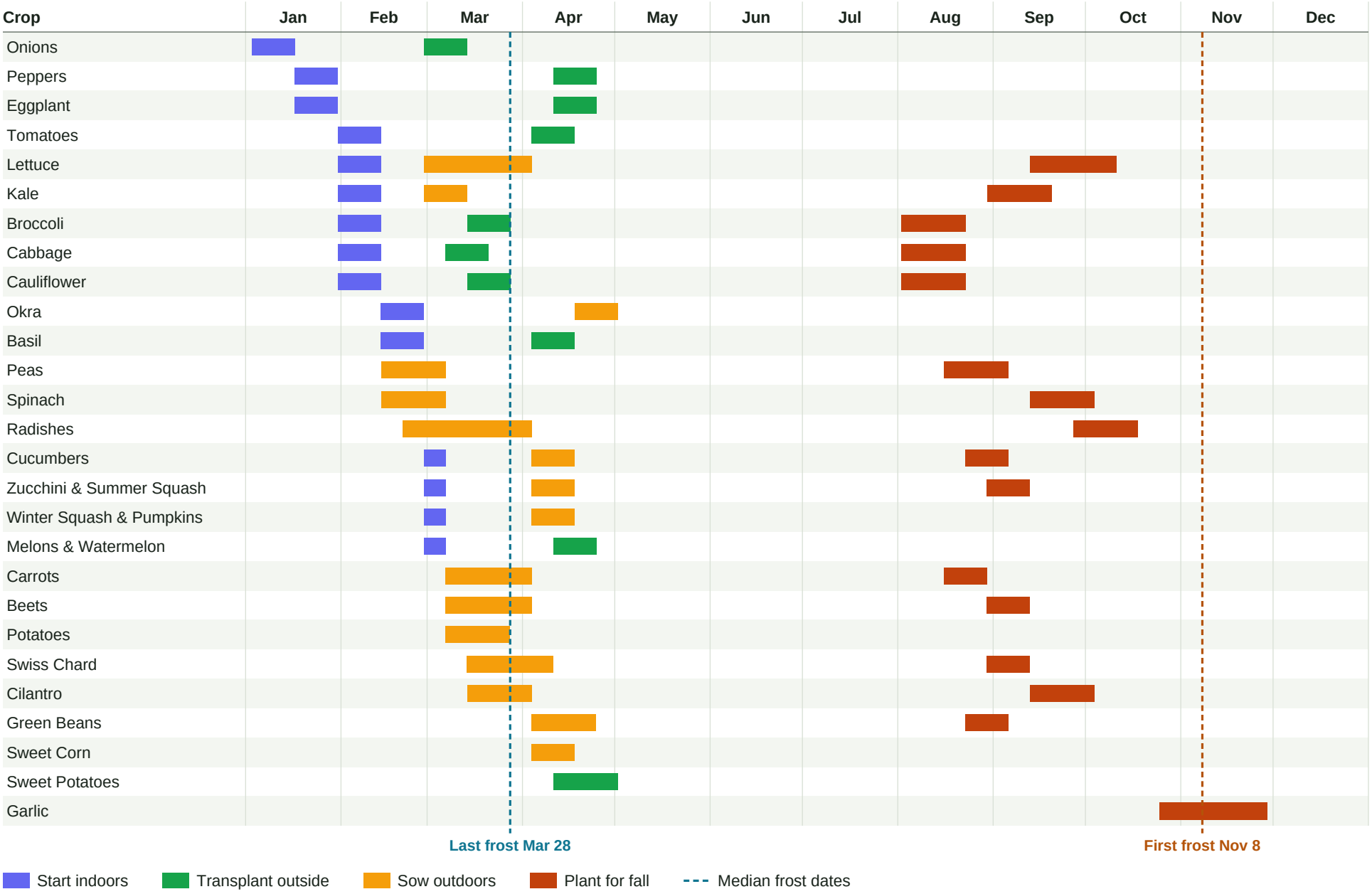
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Jan 3 – Jan 17 | Feb 28 – Mar 14 | — | — |
| Peppers | Jan 17 – Jan 31 | Apr 11 – Apr 25 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Jan 17 – Jan 31 | Apr 11 – Apr 25 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Jan 31 – Feb 14 | Apr 4 – Apr 18 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Jan 31 – Feb 14 | Mar 7 – Mar 21 | Feb 28 – Apr 4 | Sep 13 – Oct 11 |
| Kale | Jan 31 – Feb 14 | Feb 28 – Mar 14 | Feb 28 – Mar 14 | Aug 30 – Sep 20 |
| Broccoli | Jan 31 – Feb 14 | Mar 14 – Mar 28 | — | Aug 2 – Aug 23 |
| Cabbage | Jan 31 – Feb 14 | Mar 7 – Mar 21 | — | Aug 2 – Aug 23 |
| Cauliflower | Jan 31 – Feb 14 | Mar 14 – Mar 28 | — | Aug 2 – Aug 23 |
| Okra | Feb 14 – Feb 28 | Apr 18 – May 2 | Apr 18 – May 2 | — |
| Basil | Feb 14 – Feb 28 | Apr 4 – Apr 18 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Feb 14 – Mar 7 | Aug 16 – Sep 6 |
| Spinach | — | — | Feb 14 – Mar 7 | Sep 13 – Oct 4 |
| Radishes | — | — | Feb 21 – Apr 4 | Sep 27 – Oct 18 |
| Cucumbers | Feb 28 – Mar 7 | Apr 11 – Apr 18 | Apr 4 – Apr 18 | Aug 23 – Sep 6 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Feb 28 – Mar 7 | — | Apr 4 – Apr 18 | Aug 30 – Sep 13 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Feb 28 – Mar 7 | — | Apr 4 – Apr 18 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Feb 28 – Mar 7 | Apr 11 – Apr 25 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Mar 7 – Apr 4 | Aug 16 – Aug 30 |
| Beets | — | — | Mar 7 – Apr 4 | Aug 30 – Sep 13 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Mar 7 – Mar 28 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Mar 14 – Apr 11 | Aug 30 – Sep 13 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Mar 14 – Apr 4 | Sep 13 – Oct 4 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Apr 4 – Apr 25 | Aug 23 – Sep 6 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Apr 4 – Apr 18 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | Apr 11 – May 2 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Oct 25 – Nov 29 |

Wait until after Apr 8 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.