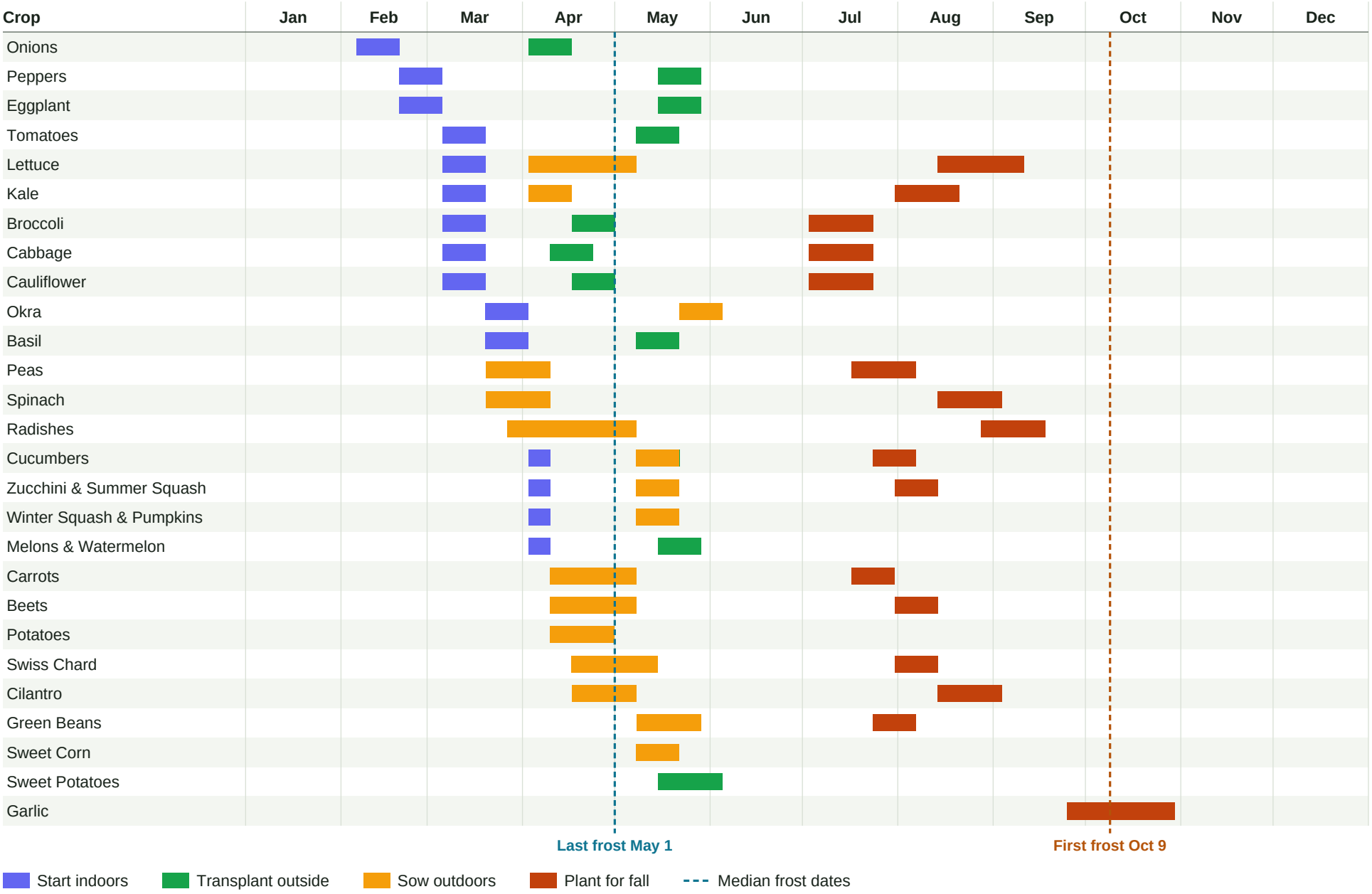
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Feb 6 – Feb 20 | Apr 3 – Apr 17 | — | — |
| Peppers | Feb 20 – Mar 6 | May 15 – May 29 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Feb 20 – Mar 6 | May 15 – May 29 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Mar 6 – Mar 20 | May 8 – May 22 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Mar 6 – Mar 20 | Apr 10 – Apr 24 | Apr 3 – May 8 | Aug 14 – Sep 11 |
| Kale | Mar 6 – Mar 20 | Apr 3 – Apr 17 | Apr 3 – Apr 17 | Jul 31 – Aug 21 |
| Broccoli | Mar 6 – Mar 20 | Apr 17 – May 1 | — | Jul 3 – Jul 24 |
| Cabbage | Mar 6 – Mar 20 | Apr 10 – Apr 24 | — | Jul 3 – Jul 24 |
| Cauliflower | Mar 6 – Mar 20 | Apr 17 – May 1 | — | Jul 3 – Jul 24 |
| Okra | Mar 20 – Apr 3 | May 22 – Jun 5 | May 22 – Jun 5 | — |
| Basil | Mar 20 – Apr 3 | May 8 – May 22 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Mar 20 – Apr 10 | Jul 17 – Aug 7 |
| Spinach | — | — | Mar 20 – Apr 10 | Aug 14 – Sep 4 |
| Radishes | — | — | Mar 27 – May 8 | Aug 28 – Sep 18 |
| Cucumbers | Apr 3 – Apr 10 | May 15 – May 22 | May 8 – May 22 | Jul 24 – Aug 7 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Apr 3 – Apr 10 | — | May 8 – May 22 | Jul 31 – Aug 14 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Apr 3 – Apr 10 | — | May 8 – May 22 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Apr 3 – Apr 10 | May 15 – May 29 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Apr 10 – May 8 | Jul 17 – Jul 31 |
| Beets | — | — | Apr 10 – May 8 | Jul 31 – Aug 14 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Apr 10 – May 1 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Apr 17 – May 15 | Jul 31 – Aug 14 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Apr 17 – May 8 | Aug 14 – Sep 4 |
| Green Beans | — | — | May 8 – May 29 | Jul 24 – Aug 7 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | May 8 – May 22 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | May 15 – Jun 5 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Sep 25 – Oct 30 |

Wait until after May 17 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.