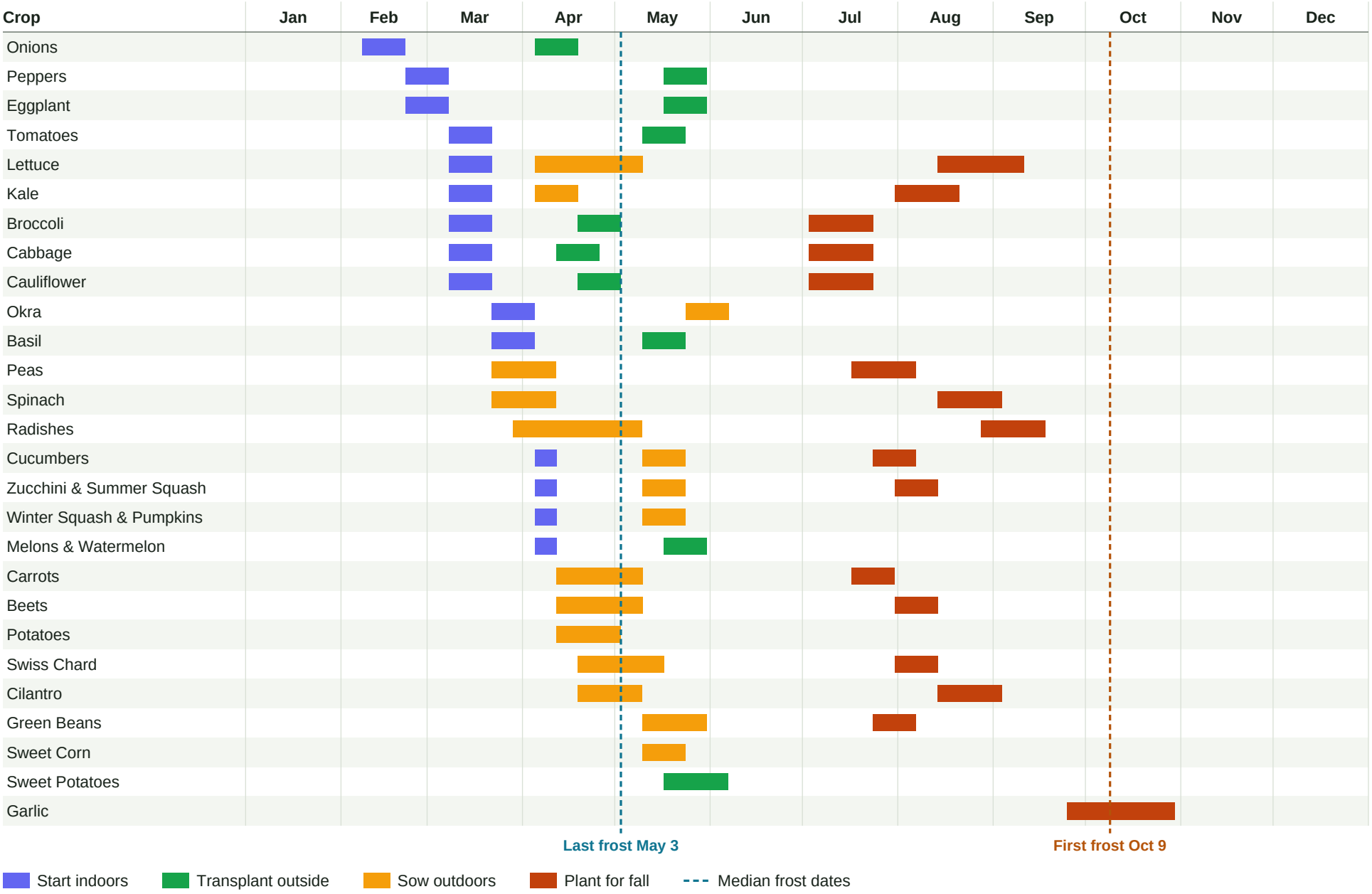
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 8 – Feb 22	Apr 5 – Apr 19	—	—
Peppers	Feb 22 – Mar 8	May 17 – May 31	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 22 – Mar 8	May 17 – May 31	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 8 – Mar 22	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 8 – Mar 22	Apr 12 – Apr 26	Apr 5 – May 10	Aug 14 – Sep 11
Kale	Mar 8 – Mar 22	Apr 5 – Apr 19	Apr 5 – Apr 19	Jul 31 – Aug 21
Broccoli	Mar 8 – Mar 22	Apr 19 – May 3	—	Jul 3 – Jul 24
Cabbage	Mar 8 – Mar 22	Apr 12 – Apr 26	—	Jul 3 – Jul 24
Cauliflower	Mar 8 – Mar 22	Apr 19 – May 3	—	Jul 3 – Jul 24
Okra	Mar 22 – Apr 5	May 24 – Jun 7	May 24 – Jun 7	—
Basil	Mar 22 – Apr 5	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 22 – Apr 12	Jul 17 – Aug 7
Spinach	—	—	Mar 22 – Apr 12	Aug 14 – Sep 4
Radishes	—	—	Mar 29 – May 10	Aug 28 – Sep 18
Cucumbers	Apr 5 – Apr 12	May 17 – May 24	May 10 – May 24	Jul 24 – Aug 7
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 5 – Apr 12	—	May 10 – May 24	Jul 31 – Aug 14
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Apr 5 – Apr 12	—	May 10 – May 24	—
Melons & Watermelon	Apr 5 – Apr 12	May 17 – May 31	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 12 – May 10	Jul 17 – Jul 31
Beets	—	—	Apr 12 – May 10	Jul 31 – Aug 14
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 12 – May 3	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 19 – May 17	Jul 31 – Aug 14
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 19 – May 10	Aug 14 – Sep 4
Green Beans	—	—	May 10 – May 31	Jul 24 – Aug 7
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 10 – May 24	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 17 – Jun 7	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 25 – Oct 30

Wait until after May 20 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.