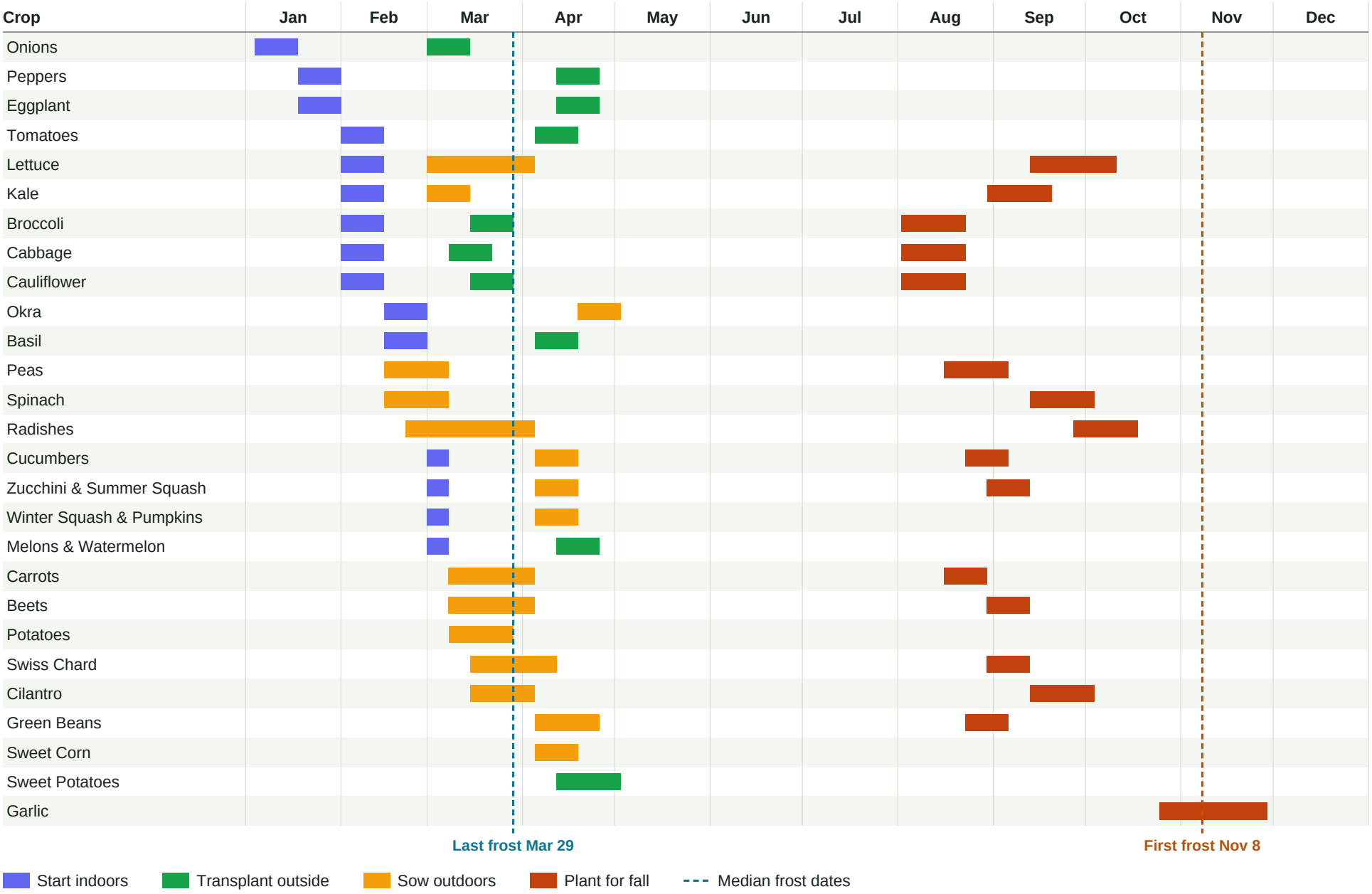
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Jan 4 – Jan 18 | Mar 1 – Mar 15 | — | — |
| Peppers | Jan 18 – Feb 1 | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Jan 18 – Feb 1 | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Feb 1 – Feb 15 | Apr 5 – Apr 19 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Feb 1 – Feb 15 | Mar 8 – Mar 22 | Mar 1 – Apr 5 | Sep 13 – Oct 11 |
| Kale | Feb 1 – Feb 15 | Mar 1 – Mar 15 | Mar 1 – Mar 15 | Aug 30 – Sep 20 |
| Broccoli | Feb 1 – Feb 15 | Mar 15 – Mar 29 | — | Aug 2 – Aug 23 |
| Cabbage | Feb 1 – Feb 15 | Mar 8 – Mar 22 | — | Aug 2 – Aug 23 |
| Cauliflower | Feb 1 – Feb 15 | Mar 15 – Mar 29 | — | Aug 2 – Aug 23 |
| Okra | Feb 15 – Mar 1 | Apr 19 – May 3 | Apr 19 – May 3 | — |
| Basil | Feb 15 – Mar 1 | Apr 5 – Apr 19 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Feb 15 – Mar 8 | Aug 16 – Sep 6 |
| Spinach | — | — | Feb 15 – Mar 8 | Sep 13 – Oct 4 |
| Radishes | — | — | Feb 22 – Apr 5 | Sep 27 – Oct 18 |
| Cucumbers | Mar 1 – Mar 8 | Apr 12 – Apr 19 | Apr 5 – Apr 19 | Aug 23 – Sep 6 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Mar 1 – Mar 8 | — | Apr 5 – Apr 19 | Aug 30 – Sep 13 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Mar 1 – Mar 8 | — | Apr 5 – Apr 19 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Mar 1 – Mar 8 | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Mar 8 – Apr 5 | Aug 16 – Aug 30 |
| Beets | — | — | Mar 8 – Apr 5 | Aug 30 – Sep 13 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Mar 8 – Mar 29 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Mar 15 – Apr 12 | Aug 30 – Sep 13 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Mar 15 – Apr 5 | Sep 13 – Oct 4 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Apr 5 – Apr 26 | Aug 23 – Sep 6 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Apr 5 – Apr 19 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | Apr 12 – May 3 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Oct 25 – Nov 29 |

Wait until after Apr 11 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.