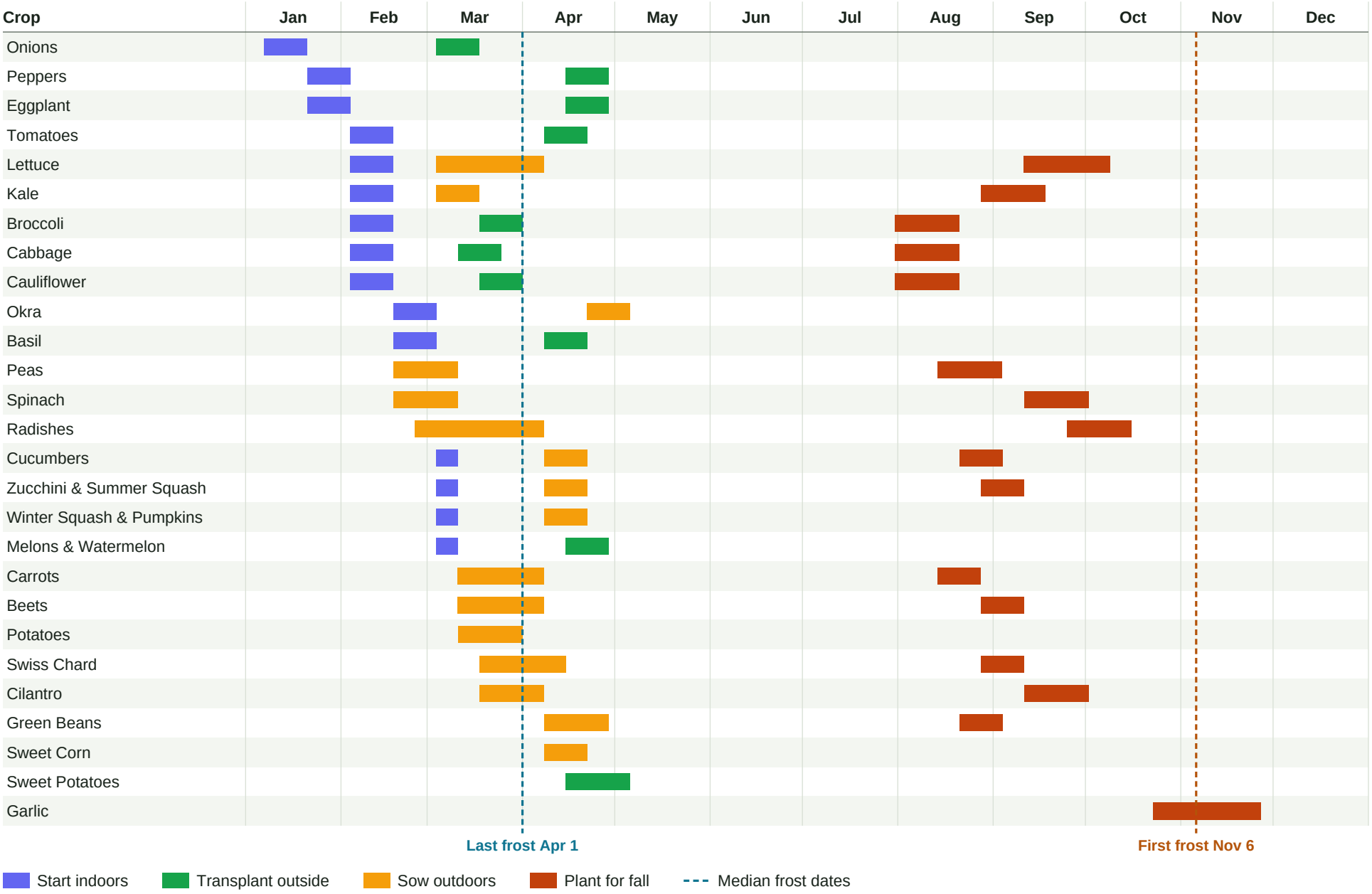
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Jan 7 – Jan 21 | Mar 4 – Mar 18 | — | — |
| Peppers | Jan 21 – Feb 4 | Apr 15 – Apr 29 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Jan 21 – Feb 4 | Apr 15 – Apr 29 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 11 – Mar 25 | Mar 4 – Apr 8 | Sep 11 – Oct 9 |
| Kale | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 4 – Mar 18 | Mar 4 – Mar 18 | Aug 28 – Sep 18 |
| Broccoli | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 18 – Apr 1 | — | Jul 31 – Aug 21 |
| Cabbage | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 11 – Mar 25 | — | Jul 31 – Aug 21 |
| Cauliflower | Feb 4 – Feb 18 | Mar 18 – Apr 1 | — | Jul 31 – Aug 21 |
| 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 14 – Sep 4 |
| Spinach | — | — | Feb 18 – Mar 11 | Sep 11 – Oct 2 |
| Radishes | — | — | Feb 25 – Apr 8 | Sep 25 – Oct 16 |
| Cucumbers | Mar 4 – Mar 11 | Apr 15 – Apr 22 | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | Aug 21 – Sep 4 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Mar 4 – Mar 11 | — | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | Aug 28 – Sep 11 |
| 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 14 – Aug 28 |
| Beets | — | — | Mar 11 – Apr 8 | Aug 28 – Sep 11 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Mar 11 – Apr 1 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Mar 18 – Apr 15 | Aug 28 – Sep 11 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Mar 18 – Apr 8 | Sep 11 – Oct 2 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Apr 8 – Apr 29 | Aug 21 – Sep 4 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Apr 8 – Apr 22 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | Apr 15 – May 6 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Oct 23 – Nov 27 |

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