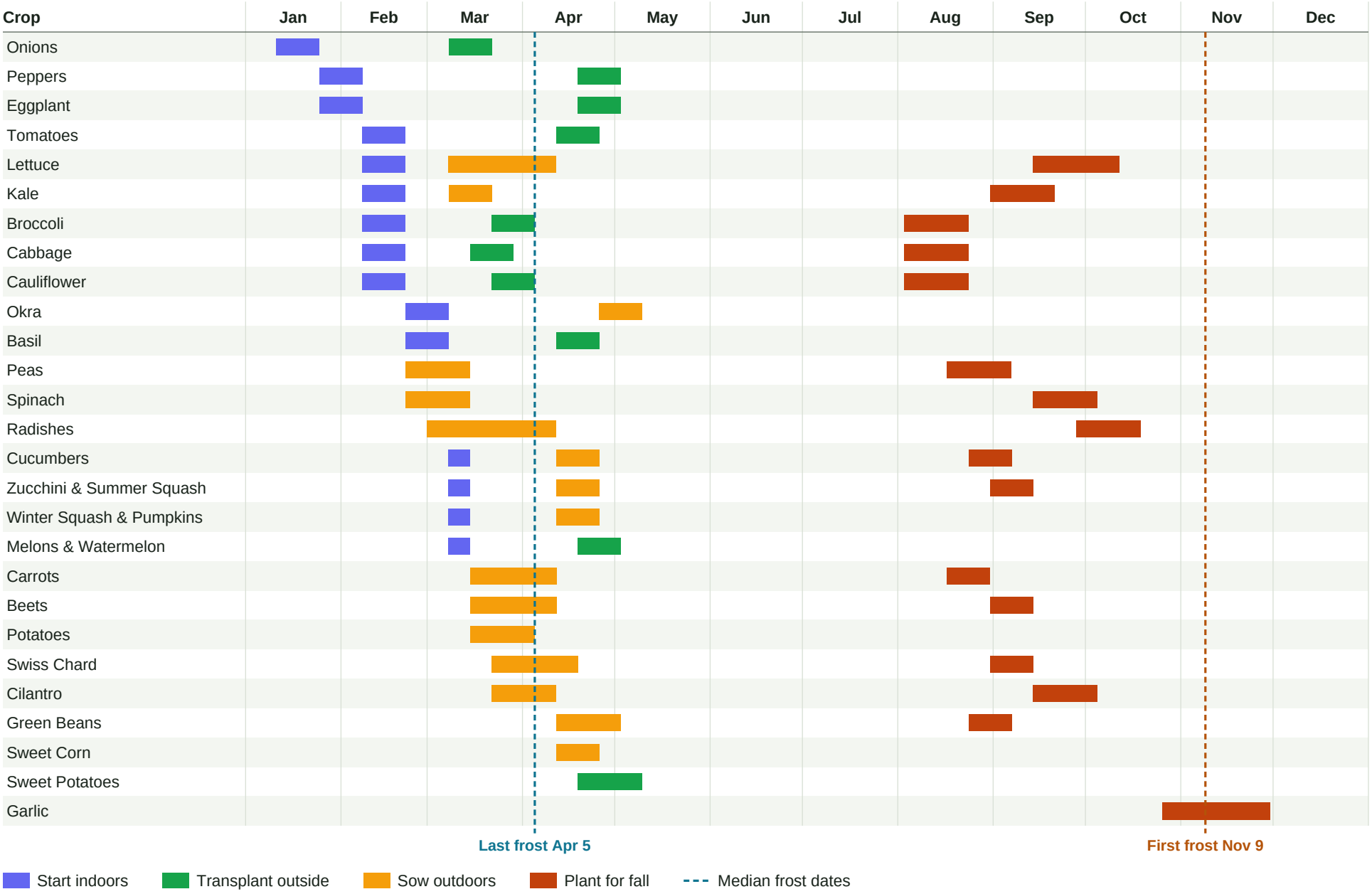
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Jan 11 – Jan 25 | Mar 8 – Mar 22 | — | — |
| Peppers | Jan 25 – Feb 8 | Apr 19 – May 3 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Jan 25 – Feb 8 | Apr 19 – May 3 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Feb 8 – Feb 22 | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Feb 8 – Feb 22 | Mar 15 – Mar 29 | Mar 8 – Apr 12 | Sep 14 – Oct 12 |
| Kale | Feb 8 – Feb 22 | Mar 8 – Mar 22 | Mar 8 – Mar 22 | Aug 31 – Sep 21 |
| Broccoli | Feb 8 – Feb 22 | Mar 22 – Apr 5 | — | Aug 3 – Aug 24 |
| Cabbage | Feb 8 – Feb 22 | Mar 15 – Mar 29 | — | Aug 3 – Aug 24 |
| Cauliflower | Feb 8 – Feb 22 | Mar 22 – Apr 5 | — | Aug 3 – Aug 24 |
| Okra | Feb 22 – Mar 8 | Apr 26 – May 10 | Apr 26 – May 10 | — |
| Basil | Feb 22 – Mar 8 | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Feb 22 – Mar 15 | Aug 17 – Sep 7 |
| Spinach | — | — | Feb 22 – Mar 15 | Sep 14 – Oct 5 |
| Radishes | — | — | Mar 1 – Apr 12 | Sep 28 – Oct 19 |
| Cucumbers | Mar 8 – Mar 15 | Apr 19 – Apr 26 | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | Aug 24 – Sep 7 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Mar 8 – Mar 15 | — | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | Aug 31 – Sep 14 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Mar 8 – Mar 15 | — | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Mar 8 – Mar 15 | Apr 19 – May 3 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Mar 15 – Apr 12 | Aug 17 – Aug 31 |
| Beets | — | — | Mar 15 – Apr 12 | Aug 31 – Sep 14 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Mar 15 – Apr 5 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Mar 22 – Apr 19 | Aug 31 – Sep 14 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Mar 22 – Apr 12 | Sep 14 – Oct 5 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Apr 12 – May 3 | Aug 24 – Sep 7 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | Apr 19 – May 10 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Oct 26 – Nov 30 |

Wait until after Apr 19 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.