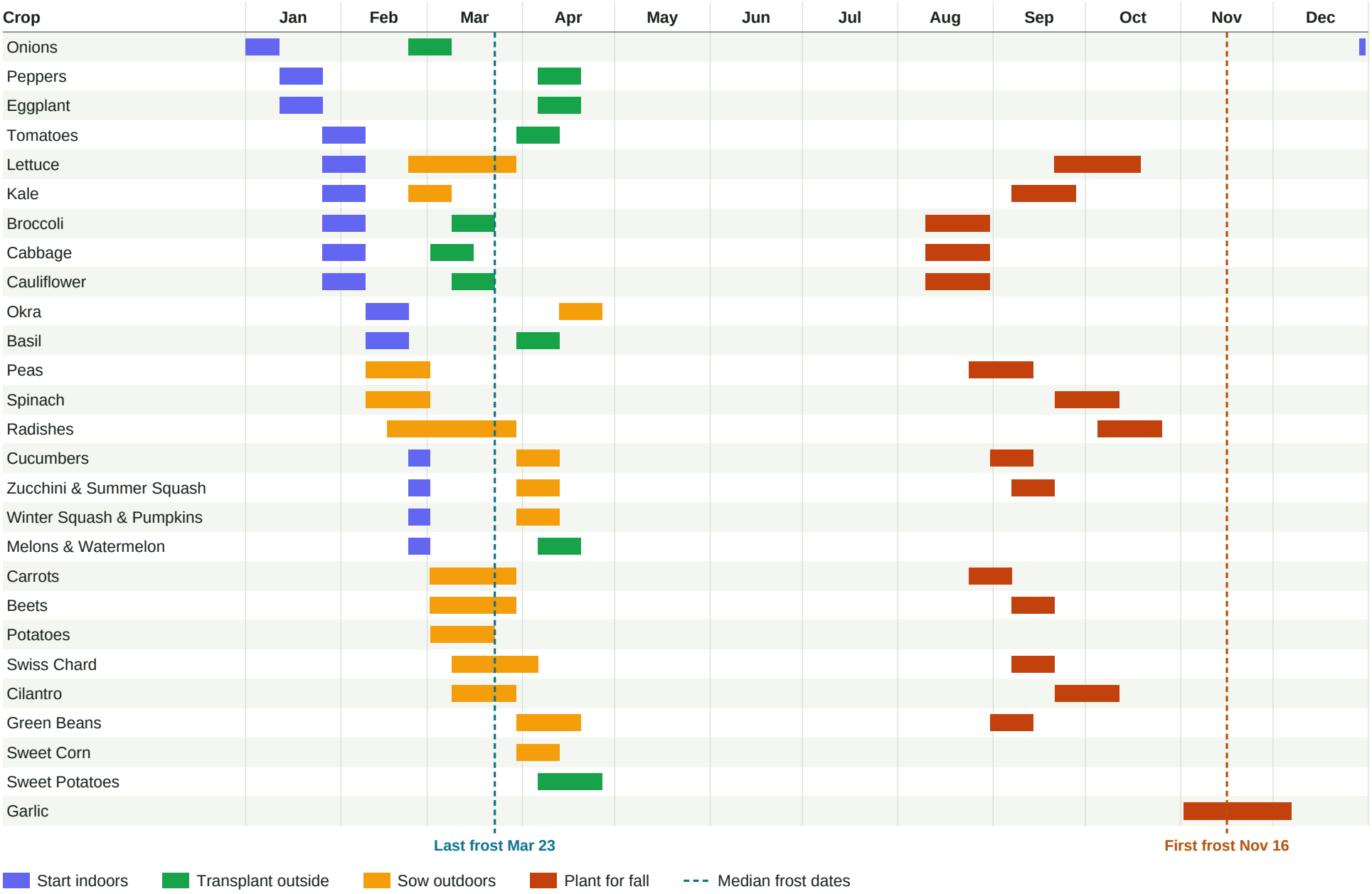
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Dec 29 – Jan 12 | Feb 23 – Mar 9 | — | — |
| Peppers | Jan 12 – Jan 26 | Apr 6 – Apr 20 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Jan 12 – Jan 26 | Apr 6 – Apr 20 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Jan 26 – Feb 9 | Mar 30 – Apr 13 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Jan 26 – Feb 9 | Mar 2 – Mar 16 | Feb 23 – Mar 30 | Sep 21 – Oct 19 |
| Kale | Jan 26 – Feb 9 | Feb 23 – Mar 9 | Feb 23 – Mar 9 | Sep 7 – Sep 28 |
| Broccoli | Jan 26 – Feb 9 | Mar 9 – Mar 23 | — | Aug 10 – Aug 31 |
| Cabbage | Jan 26 – Feb 9 | Mar 2 – Mar 16 | — | Aug 10 – Aug 31 |
| Cauliflower | Jan 26 – Feb 9 | Mar 9 – Mar 23 | — | Aug 10 – Aug 31 |
| Okra | Feb 9 – Feb 23 | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | Apr 13 – Apr 27 | — |
| Basil | Feb 9 – Feb 23 | Mar 30 – Apr 13 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Feb 9 – Mar 2 | Aug 24 – Sep 14 |
| Spinach | — | — | Feb 9 – Mar 2 | Sep 21 – Oct 12 |
| Radishes | — | — | Feb 16 – Mar 30 | Oct 5 – Oct 26 |
| Cucumbers | Feb 23 – Mar 2 | Apr 6 – Apr 13 | Mar 30 – Apr 13 | Aug 31 – Sep 14 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Feb 23 – Mar 2 | — | Mar 30 – Apr 13 | Sep 7 – Sep 21 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Feb 23 – Mar 2 | — | Mar 30 – Apr 13 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Feb 23 – Mar 2 | Apr 6 – Apr 20 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Mar 2 – Mar 30 | Aug 24 – Sep 7 |
| Beets | — | — | Mar 2 – Mar 30 | Sep 7 – Sep 21 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Mar 2 – Mar 23 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Mar 9 – Apr 6 | Sep 7 – Sep 21 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Mar 9 – Mar 30 | Sep 21 – Oct 12 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Mar 30 – Apr 20 | Aug 31 – Sep 14 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Mar 30 – Apr 13 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | Apr 6 – Apr 27 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Nov 2 – Dec 7 |

Wait until after Apr 6 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.