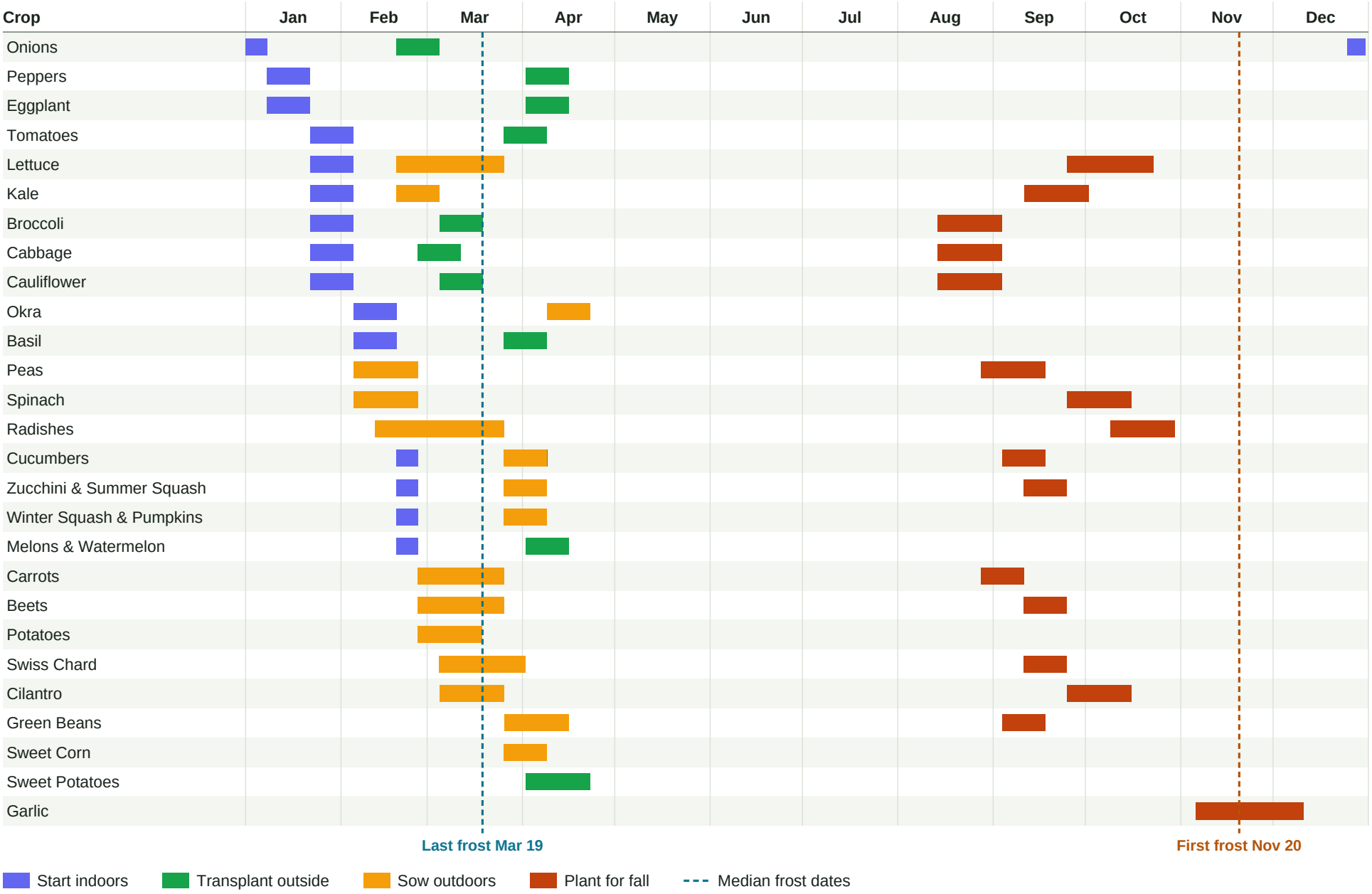
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Dec 25 – Jan 8 | Feb 19 – Mar 5 | — | — |
| Peppers | Jan 8 – Jan 22 | Apr 2 – Apr 16 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Jan 8 – Jan 22 | Apr 2 – Apr 16 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Jan 22 – Feb 5 | Mar 26 – Apr 9 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Jan 22 – Feb 5 | Feb 26 – Mar 12 | Feb 19 – Mar 26 | Sep 25 – Oct 23 |
| Kale | Jan 22 – Feb 5 | Feb 19 – Mar 5 | Feb 19 – Mar 5 | Sep 11 – Oct 2 |
| Broccoli | Jan 22 – Feb 5 | Mar 5 – Mar 19 | — | Aug 14 – Sep 4 |
| Cabbage | Jan 22 – Feb 5 | Feb 26 – Mar 12 | — | Aug 14 – Sep 4 |
| Cauliflower | Jan 22 – Feb 5 | Mar 5 – Mar 19 | — | Aug 14 – Sep 4 |
| Okra | Feb 5 – Feb 19 | Apr 9 – Apr 23 | Apr 9 – Apr 23 | — |
| Basil | Feb 5 – Feb 19 | Mar 26 – Apr 9 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Feb 5 – Feb 26 | Aug 28 – Sep 18 |
| Spinach | — | — | Feb 5 – Feb 26 | Sep 25 – Oct 16 |
| Radishes | — | — | Feb 12 – Mar 26 | Oct 9 – Oct 30 |
| Cucumbers | Feb 19 – Feb 26 | Apr 2 – Apr 9 | Mar 26 – Apr 9 | Sep 4 – Sep 18 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Feb 19 – Feb 26 | — | Mar 26 – Apr 9 | Sep 11 – Sep 25 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Feb 19 – Feb 26 | — | Mar 26 – Apr 9 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Feb 19 – Feb 26 | Apr 2 – Apr 16 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Feb 26 – Mar 26 | Aug 28 – Sep 11 |
| Beets | — | — | Feb 26 – Mar 26 | Sep 11 – Sep 25 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Feb 26 – Mar 19 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Mar 5 – Apr 2 | Sep 11 – Sep 25 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Mar 5 – Mar 26 | Sep 25 – Oct 16 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Mar 26 – Apr 16 | Sep 4 – Sep 18 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Mar 26 – Apr 9 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | Apr 2 – Apr 23 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Nov 6 – Dec 11 |

Wait until after Apr 4 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.