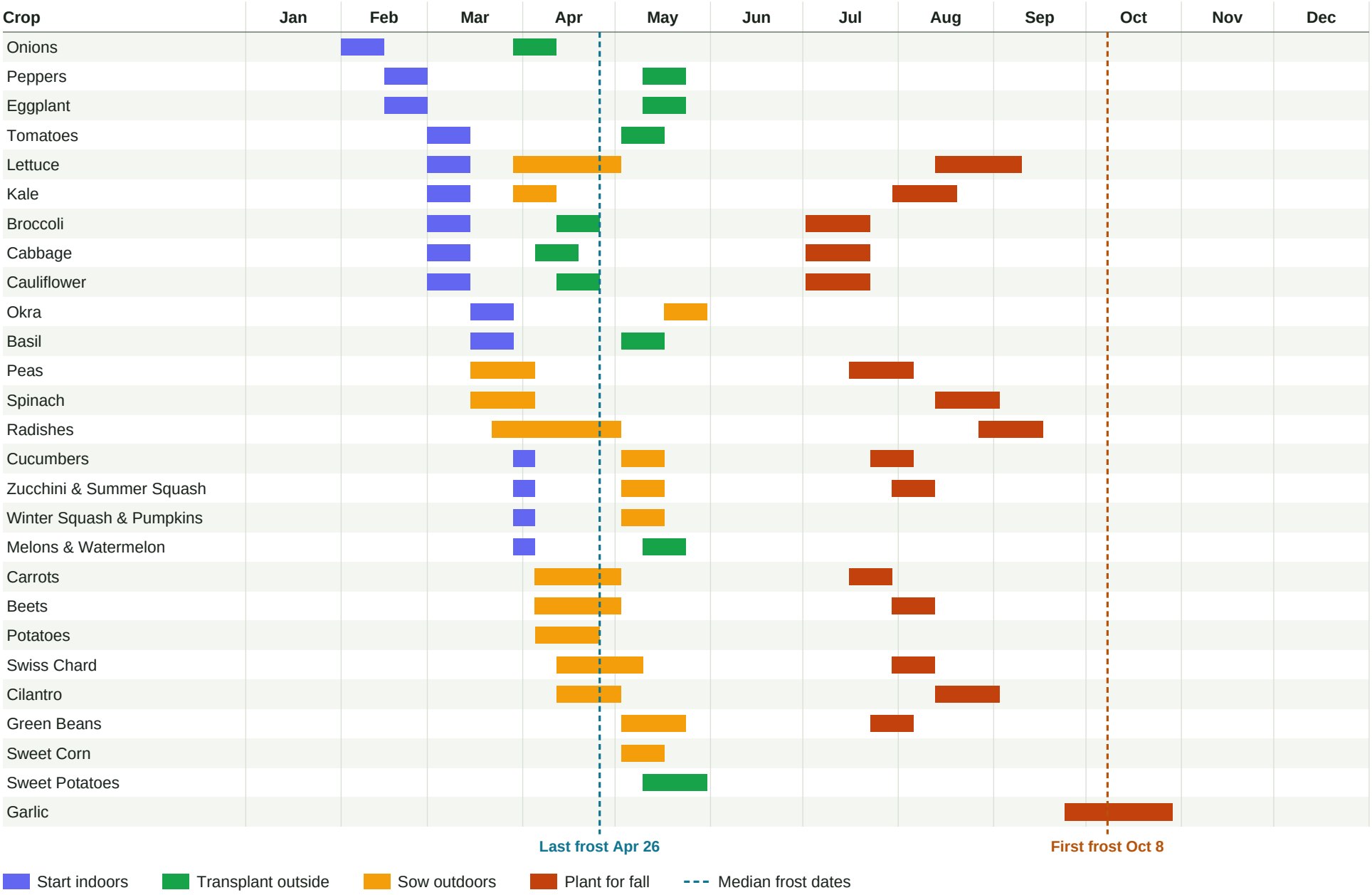
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 1 – Feb 15	Mar 29 – Apr 12	—	—
Peppers	Feb 15 – Mar 1	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 15 – Mar 1	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 1 – Mar 15	May 3 – May 17	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Apr 5 – Apr 19	Mar 29 – May 3	Aug 13 – Sep 10
Kale	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Mar 29 – Apr 12	Mar 29 – Apr 12	Jul 30 – Aug 20
Broccoli	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Apr 12 – Apr 26	—	Jul 2 – Jul 23
Cabbage	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Apr 5 – Apr 19	—	Jul 2 – Jul 23
Cauliflower	Mar 1 – Mar 15	Apr 12 – Apr 26	—	Jul 2 – Jul 23
Okra	Mar 15 – Mar 29	May 17 – May 31	May 17 – May 31	—
Basil	Mar 15 – Mar 29	May 3 – May 17	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 15 – Apr 5	Jul 16 – Aug 6
Spinach	—	—	Mar 15 – Apr 5	Aug 13 – Sep 3
Radishes	—	—	Mar 22 – May 3	Aug 27 – Sep 17
Cucumbers	Mar 29 – Apr 5	May 10 – May 17	May 3 – May 17	Jul 23 – Aug 6
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 29 – Apr 5	—	May 3 – May 17	Jul 30 – Aug 13
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 29 – Apr 5	—	May 3 – May 17	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 29 – Apr 5	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 5 – May 3	Jul 16 – Jul 30
Beets	—	—	Apr 5 – May 3	Jul 30 – Aug 13
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 5 – Apr 26	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 12 – May 10	Jul 30 – Aug 13
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 12 – May 3	Aug 13 – Sep 3
Green Beans	—	—	May 3 – May 24	Jul 23 – Aug 6
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 3 – May 17	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 10 – May 31	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 24 – Oct 29

Wait until after May 9 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.