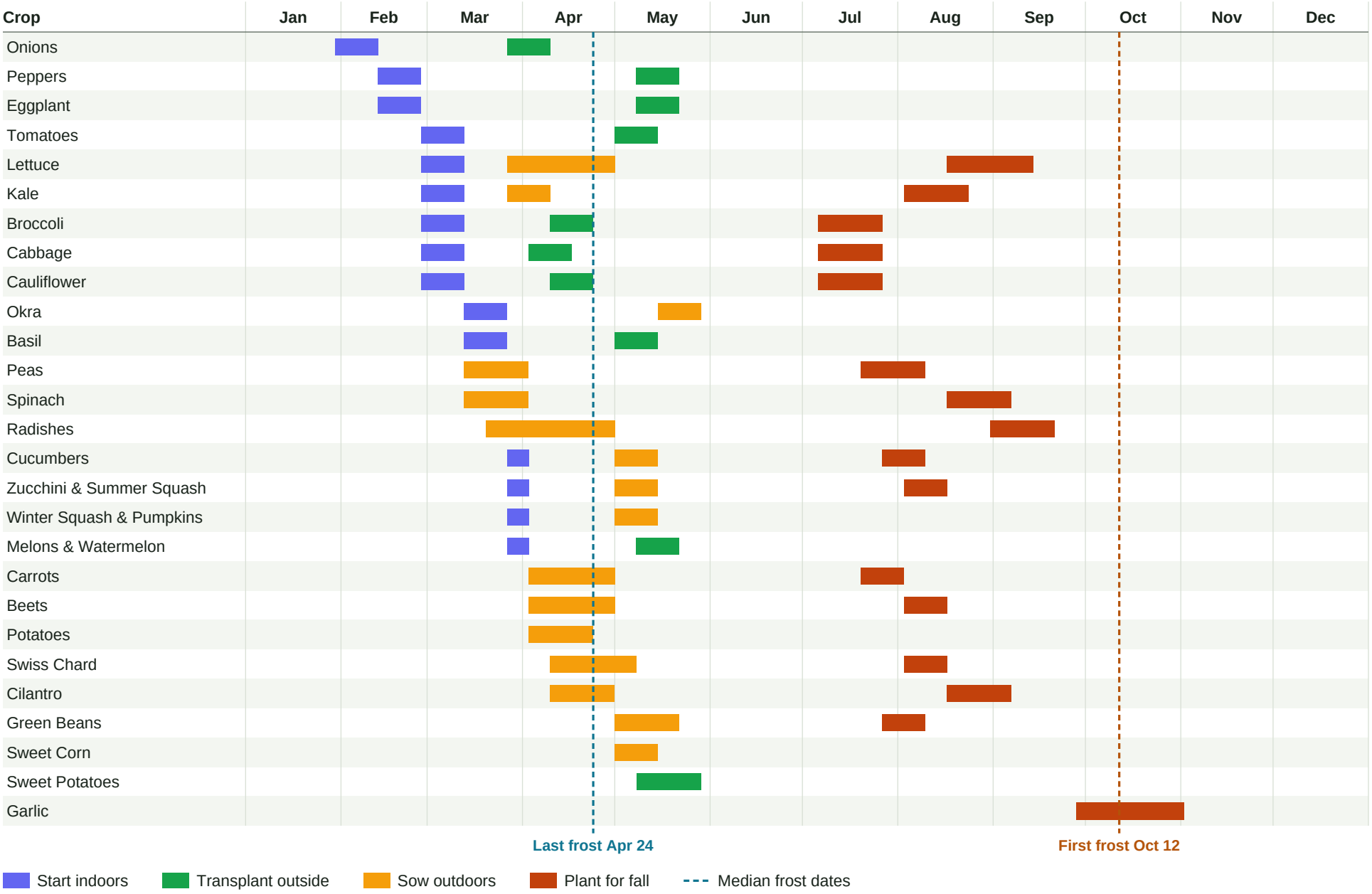
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 30 – Feb 13	Mar 27 – Apr 10	—	—
Peppers	Feb 13 – Feb 27	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 13 – Feb 27	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 27 – Mar 13	May 1 – May 15	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Apr 3 – Apr 17	Mar 27 – May 1	Aug 17 – Sep 14
Kale	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Mar 27 – Apr 10	Mar 27 – Apr 10	Aug 3 – Aug 24
Broccoli	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Apr 10 – Apr 24	—	Jul 6 – Jul 27
Cabbage	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Apr 3 – Apr 17	—	Jul 6 – Jul 27
Cauliflower	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Apr 10 – Apr 24	—	Jul 6 – Jul 27
Okra	Mar 13 – Mar 27	May 15 – May 29	May 15 – May 29	—
Basil	Mar 13 – Mar 27	May 1 – May 15	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 13 – Apr 3	Jul 20 – Aug 10
Spinach	—	—	Mar 13 – Apr 3	Aug 17 – Sep 7
Radishes	—	—	Mar 20 – May 1	Aug 31 – Sep 21
Cucumbers	Mar 27 – Apr 3	May 8 – May 15	May 1 – May 15	Jul 27 – Aug 10
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 27 – Apr 3	—	May 1 – May 15	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 27 – Apr 3	—	May 1 – May 15	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 27 – Apr 3	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 3 – May 1	Jul 20 – Aug 3
Beets	—	—	Apr 3 – May 1	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 3 – Apr 24	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 10 – May 8	Aug 3 – Aug 17
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 10 – May 1	Aug 17 – Sep 7
Green Beans	—	—	May 1 – May 22	Jul 27 – Aug 10
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 1 – May 15	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 8 – May 29	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 28 – Nov 2

Wait until after May 7 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.