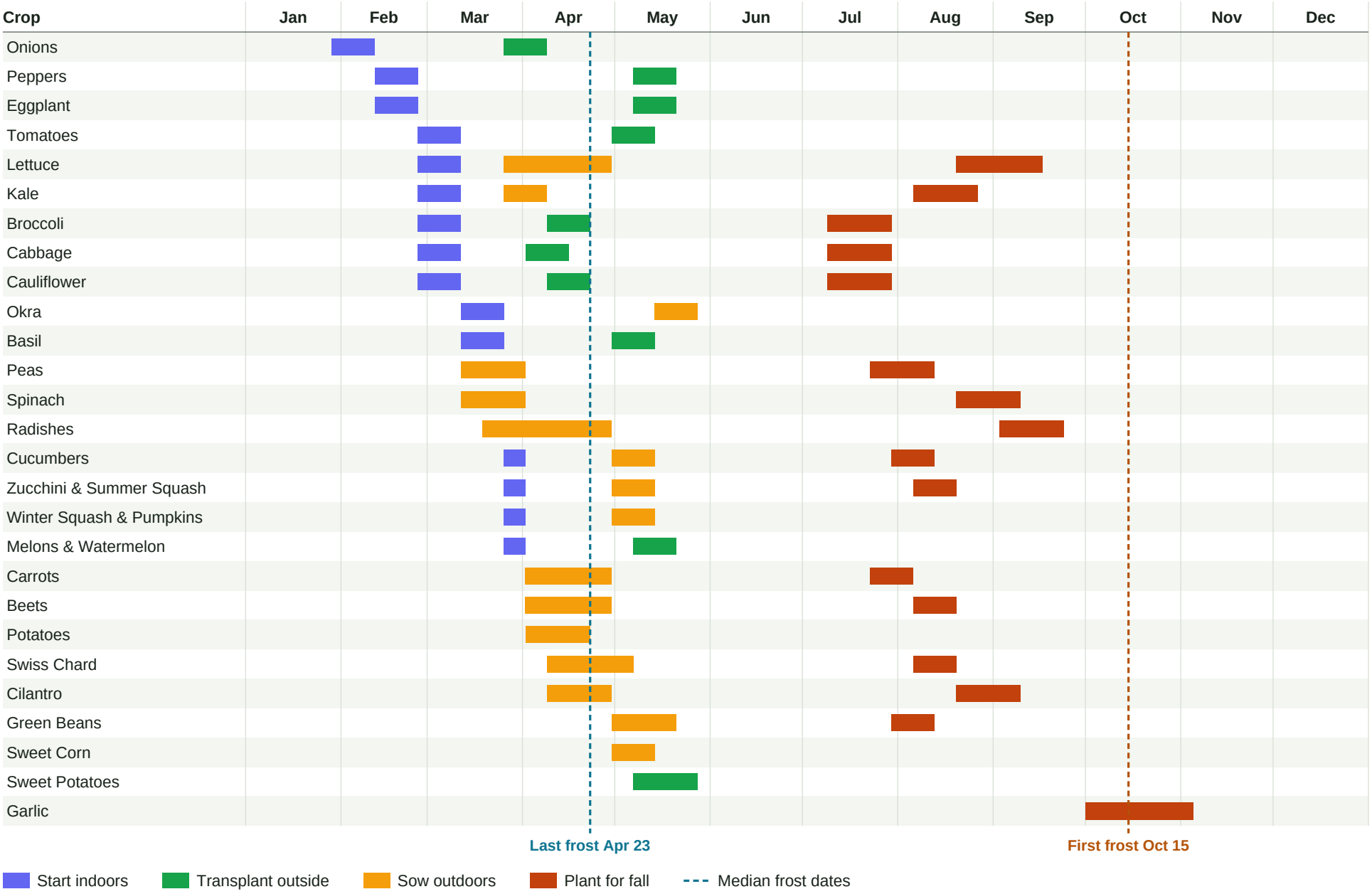
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 29 – Feb 12	Mar 26 – Apr 9	—	—
Peppers	Feb 12 – Feb 26	May 7 – May 21	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 12 – Feb 26	May 7 – May 21	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 26 – Mar 12	Apr 30 – May 14	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 26 – Mar 12	Apr 2 – Apr 16	Mar 26 – Apr 30	Aug 20 – Sep 17
Kale	Feb 26 – Mar 12	Mar 26 – Apr 9	Mar 26 – Apr 9	Aug 6 – Aug 27
Broccoli	Feb 26 – Mar 12	Apr 9 – Apr 23	—	Jul 9 – Jul 30
Cabbage	Feb 26 – Mar 12	Apr 2 – Apr 16	—	Jul 9 – Jul 30
Cauliflower	Feb 26 – Mar 12	Apr 9 – Apr 23	—	Jul 9 – Jul 30
Okra	Mar 12 – Mar 26	May 14 – May 28	May 14 – May 28	—
Basil	Mar 12 – Mar 26	Apr 30 – May 14	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 12 – Apr 2	Jul 23 – Aug 13
Spinach	—	—	Mar 12 – Apr 2	Aug 20 – Sep 10
Radishes	—	—	Mar 19 – Apr 30	Sep 3 – Sep 24
Cucumbers	Mar 26 – Apr 2	May 7 – May 14	Apr 30 – May 14	Jul 30 – Aug 13
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 26 – Apr 2	—	Apr 30 – May 14	Aug 6 – Aug 20
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 26 – Apr 2	—	Apr 30 – May 14	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 26 – Apr 2	May 7 – May 21	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 2 – Apr 30	Jul 23 – Aug 6
Beets	—	—	Apr 2 – Apr 30	Aug 6 – Aug 20
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 2 – Apr 23	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 9 – May 7	Aug 6 – Aug 20
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 9 – Apr 30	Aug 20 – Sep 10
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 30 – May 21	Jul 30 – Aug 13
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 30 – May 14	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 7 – May 28	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 1 – Nov 5

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