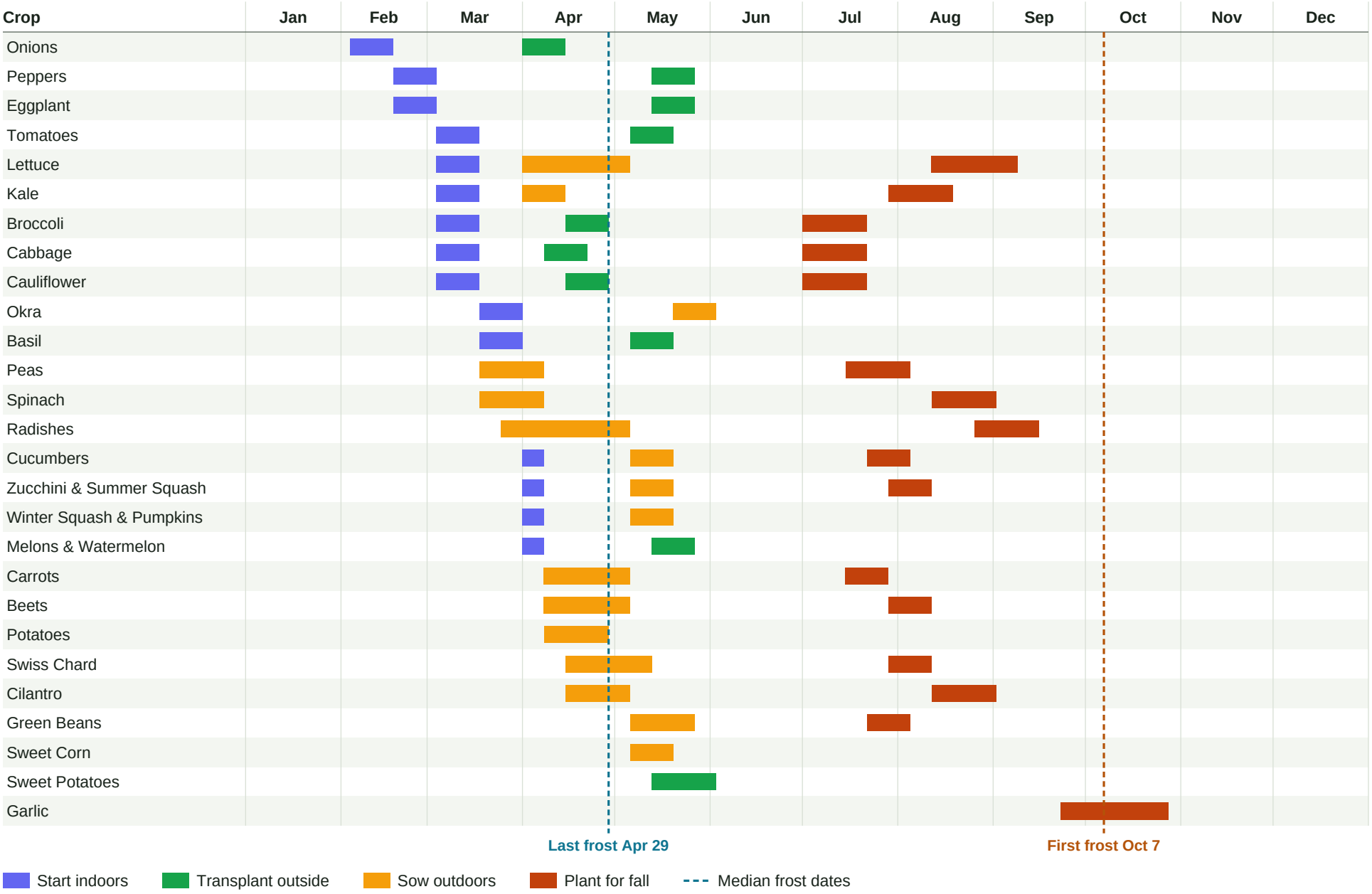
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 4 – Feb 18	Apr 1 – Apr 15	—	—
Peppers	Feb 18 – Mar 4	May 13 – May 27	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 18 – Mar 4	May 13 – May 27	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 4 – Mar 18	May 6 – May 20	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 8 – Apr 22	Apr 1 – May 6	Aug 12 – Sep 9
Kale	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 1 – Apr 15	Apr 1 – Apr 15	Jul 29 – Aug 19
Broccoli	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 15 – Apr 29	—	Jul 1 – Jul 22
Cabbage	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 8 – Apr 22	—	Jul 1 – Jul 22
Cauliflower	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 15 – Apr 29	—	Jul 1 – Jul 22
Okra	Mar 18 – Apr 1	May 20 – Jun 3	May 20 – Jun 3	—
Basil	Mar 18 – Apr 1	May 6 – May 20	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 18 – Apr 8	Jul 15 – Aug 5
Spinach	—	—	Mar 18 – Apr 8	Aug 12 – Sep 2
Radishes	—	—	Mar 25 – May 6	Aug 26 – Sep 16
Cucumbers	Apr 1 – Apr 8	May 13 – May 20	May 6 – May 20	Jul 22 – Aug 5
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 1 – Apr 8	—	May 6 – May 20	Jul 29 – Aug 12
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Apr 1 – Apr 8	—	May 6 – May 20	—
Melons & Watermelon	Apr 1 – Apr 8	May 13 – May 27	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 8 – May 6	Jul 15 – Jul 29
Beets	—	—	Apr 8 – May 6	Jul 29 – Aug 12
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 8 – Apr 29	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 15 – May 13	Jul 29 – Aug 12
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 15 – May 6	Aug 12 – Sep 2
Green Beans	—	—	May 6 – May 27	Jul 22 – Aug 5
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 6 – May 20	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 13 – Jun 3	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 23 – Oct 28

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