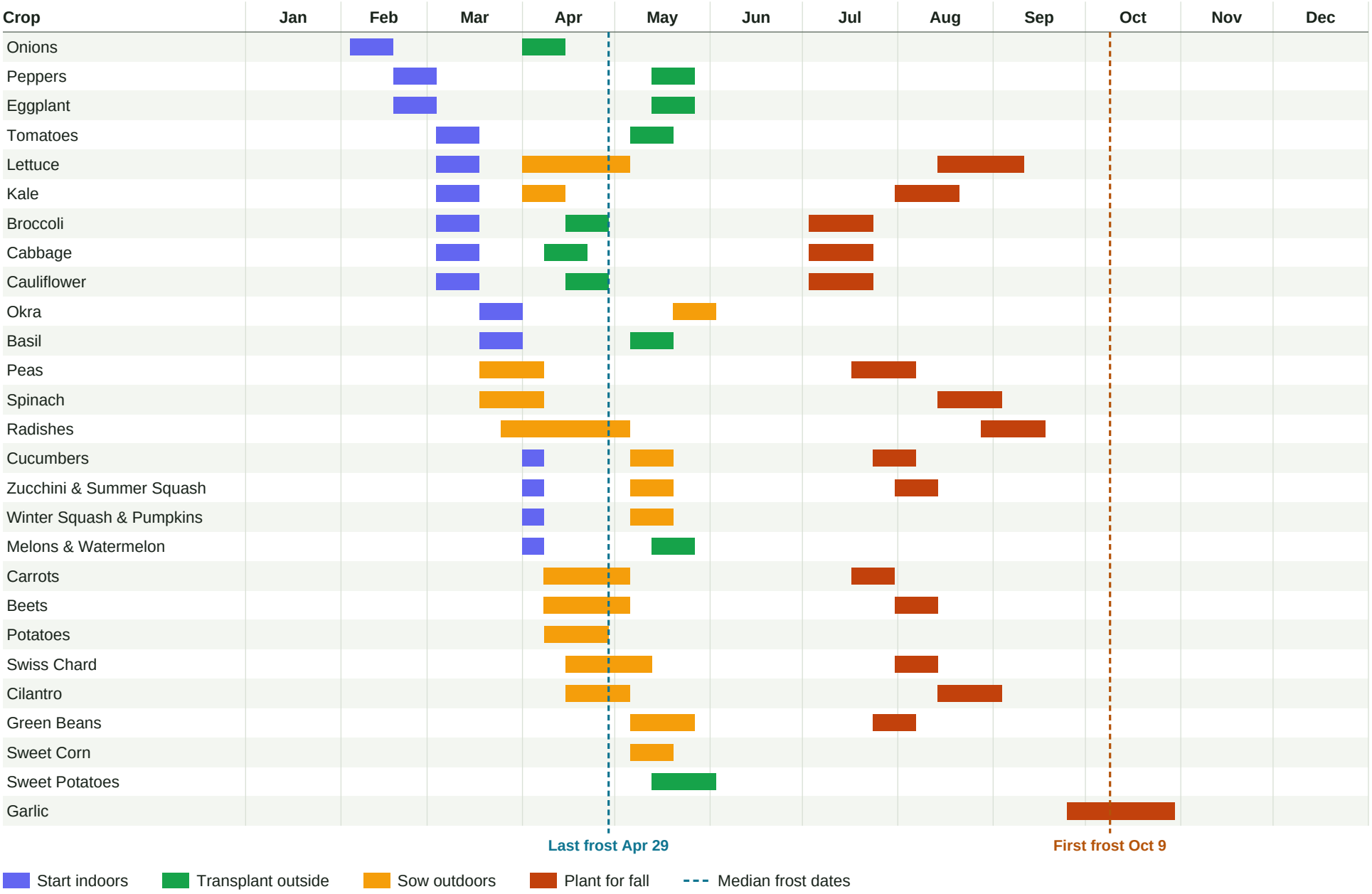
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 4 – Feb 18	Apr 1 – Apr 15	—	—
Peppers	Feb 18 – Mar 4	May 13 – May 27	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 18 – Mar 4	May 13 – May 27	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 4 – Mar 18	May 6 – May 20	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 8 – Apr 22	Apr 1 – May 6	Aug 14 – Sep 11
Kale	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 1 – Apr 15	Apr 1 – Apr 15	Jul 31 – Aug 21
Broccoli	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 15 – Apr 29	—	Jul 3 – Jul 24
Cabbage	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 8 – Apr 22	—	Jul 3 – Jul 24
Cauliflower	Mar 4 – Mar 18	Apr 15 – Apr 29	—	Jul 3 – Jul 24
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 17 – Aug 7
Spinach	—	—	Mar 18 – Apr 8	Aug 14 – Sep 4
Radishes	—	—	Mar 25 – May 6	Aug 28 – Sep 18
Cucumbers	Apr 1 – Apr 8	May 13 – May 20	May 6 – May 20	Jul 24 – Aug 7
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Apr 1 – Apr 8	—	May 6 – May 20	Jul 31 – Aug 14
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 17 – Jul 31
Beets	—	—	Apr 8 – May 6	Jul 31 – Aug 14
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 8 – Apr 29	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 15 – May 13	Jul 31 – Aug 14
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 15 – May 6	Aug 14 – Sep 4
Green Beans	—	—	May 6 – May 27	Jul 24 – Aug 7
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 6 – May 20	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 13 – Jun 3	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Sep 25 – Oct 30

Wait until after May 14 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.