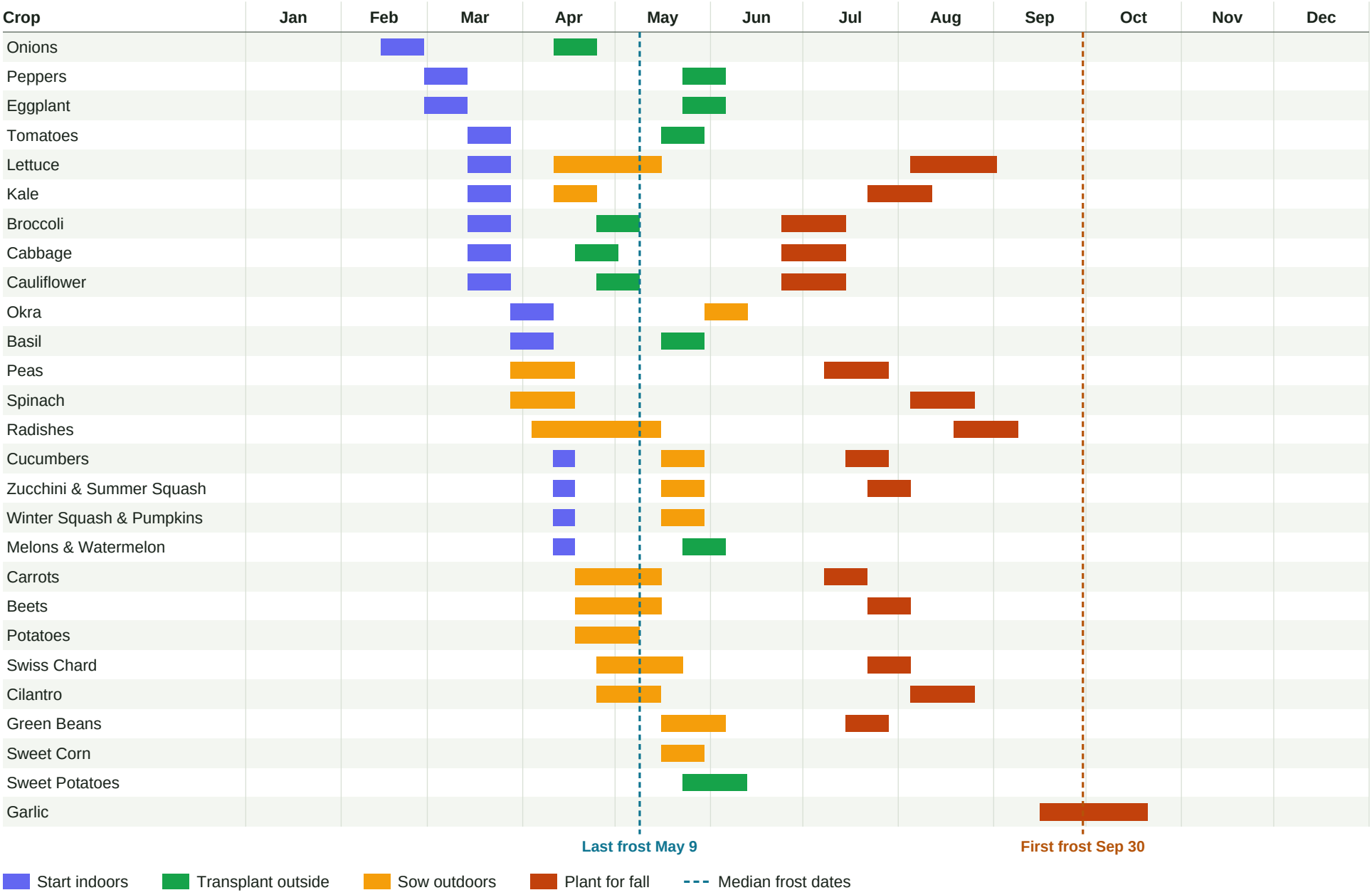
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Feb 14 – Feb 28 | Apr 11 – Apr 25 | — | — |
| Peppers | Feb 28 – Mar 14 | May 23 – Jun 6 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Feb 28 – Mar 14 | May 23 – Jun 6 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Mar 14 – Mar 28 | May 16 – May 30 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Mar 14 – Mar 28 | Apr 18 – May 2 | Apr 11 – May 16 | Aug 5 – Sep 2 |
| Kale | Mar 14 – Mar 28 | Apr 11 – Apr 25 | Apr 11 – Apr 25 | Jul 22 – Aug 12 |
| Broccoli | Mar 14 – Mar 28 | Apr 25 – May 9 | — | Jun 24 – Jul 15 |
| Cabbage | Mar 14 – Mar 28 | Apr 18 – May 2 | — | Jun 24 – Jul 15 |
| Cauliflower | Mar 14 – Mar 28 | Apr 25 – May 9 | — | Jun 24 – Jul 15 |
| Okra | Mar 28 – Apr 11 | May 30 – Jun 13 | May 30 – Jun 13 | — |
| Basil | Mar 28 – Apr 11 | May 16 – May 30 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Mar 28 – Apr 18 | Jul 8 – Jul 29 |
| Spinach | — | — | Mar 28 – Apr 18 | Aug 5 – Aug 26 |
| Radishes | — | — | Apr 4 – May 16 | Aug 19 – Sep 9 |
| Cucumbers | Apr 11 – Apr 18 | May 23 – May 30 | May 16 – May 30 | Jul 15 – Jul 29 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Apr 11 – Apr 18 | — | May 16 – May 30 | Jul 22 – Aug 5 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Apr 11 – Apr 18 | — | May 16 – May 30 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Apr 11 – Apr 18 | May 23 – Jun 6 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Apr 18 – May 16 | Jul 8 – Jul 22 |
| Beets | — | — | Apr 18 – May 16 | Jul 22 – Aug 5 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Apr 18 – May 9 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Apr 25 – May 23 | Jul 22 – Aug 5 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Apr 25 – May 16 | Aug 5 – Aug 26 |
| Green Beans | — | — | May 16 – Jun 6 | Jul 15 – Jul 29 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | May 16 – May 30 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | May 23 – Jun 13 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Sep 16 – Oct 21 |

Wait until after May 25 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.