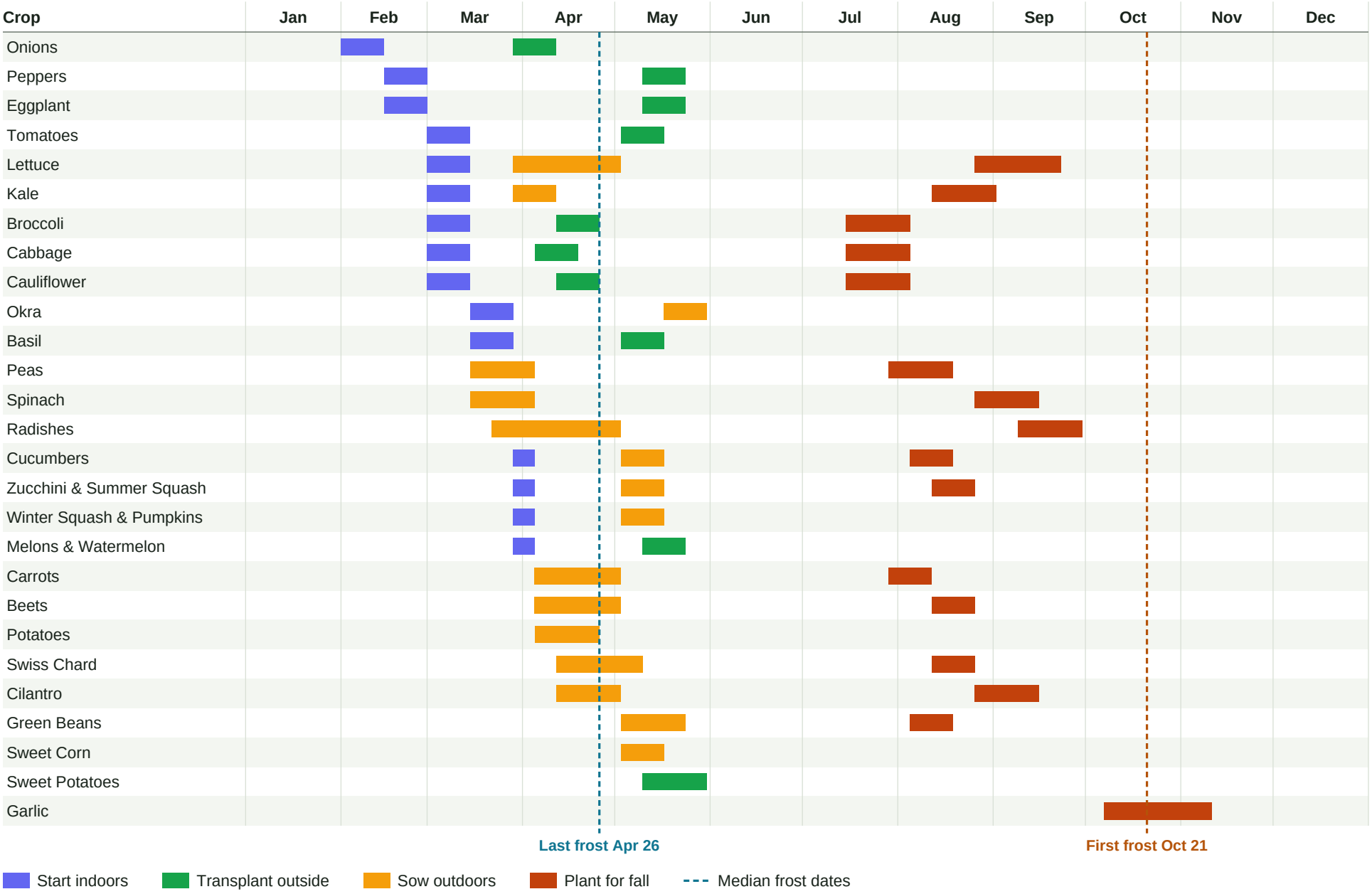
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Feb 1 – Feb 15 | Mar 29 – Apr 12 | — | — |
| Peppers | Feb 15 – Mar 1 | May 10 – May 24 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Feb 15 – Mar 1 | May 10 – May 24 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Mar 1 – Mar 15 | May 3 – May 17 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Mar 1 – Mar 15 | Apr 5 – Apr 19 | Mar 29 – May 3 | Aug 26 – Sep 23 |
| Kale | Mar 1 – Mar 15 | Mar 29 – Apr 12 | Mar 29 – Apr 12 | Aug 12 – Sep 2 |
| Broccoli | Mar 1 – Mar 15 | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | — | Jul 15 – Aug 5 |
| Cabbage | Mar 1 – Mar 15 | Apr 5 – Apr 19 | — | Jul 15 – Aug 5 |
| Cauliflower | Mar 1 – Mar 15 | Apr 12 – Apr 26 | — | Jul 15 – Aug 5 |
| Okra | Mar 15 – Mar 29 | May 17 – May 31 | May 17 – May 31 | — |
| Basil | Mar 15 – Mar 29 | May 3 – May 17 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Mar 15 – Apr 5 | Jul 29 – Aug 19 |
| Spinach | — | — | Mar 15 – Apr 5 | Aug 26 – Sep 16 |
| Radishes | — | — | Mar 22 – May 3 | Sep 9 – Sep 30 |
| Cucumbers | Mar 29 – Apr 5 | May 10 – May 17 | May 3 – May 17 | Aug 5 – Aug 19 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Mar 29 – Apr 5 | — | May 3 – May 17 | Aug 12 – Aug 26 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Mar 29 – Apr 5 | — | May 3 – May 17 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Mar 29 – Apr 5 | May 10 – May 24 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Apr 5 – May 3 | Jul 29 – Aug 12 |
| Beets | — | — | Apr 5 – May 3 | Aug 12 – Aug 26 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Apr 5 – Apr 26 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Apr 12 – May 10 | Aug 12 – Aug 26 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Apr 12 – May 3 | Aug 26 – Sep 16 |
| Green Beans | — | — | May 3 – May 24 | Aug 5 – Aug 19 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | May 3 – May 17 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | May 10 – May 31 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Oct 7 – Nov 11 |

Wait until after May 11 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.