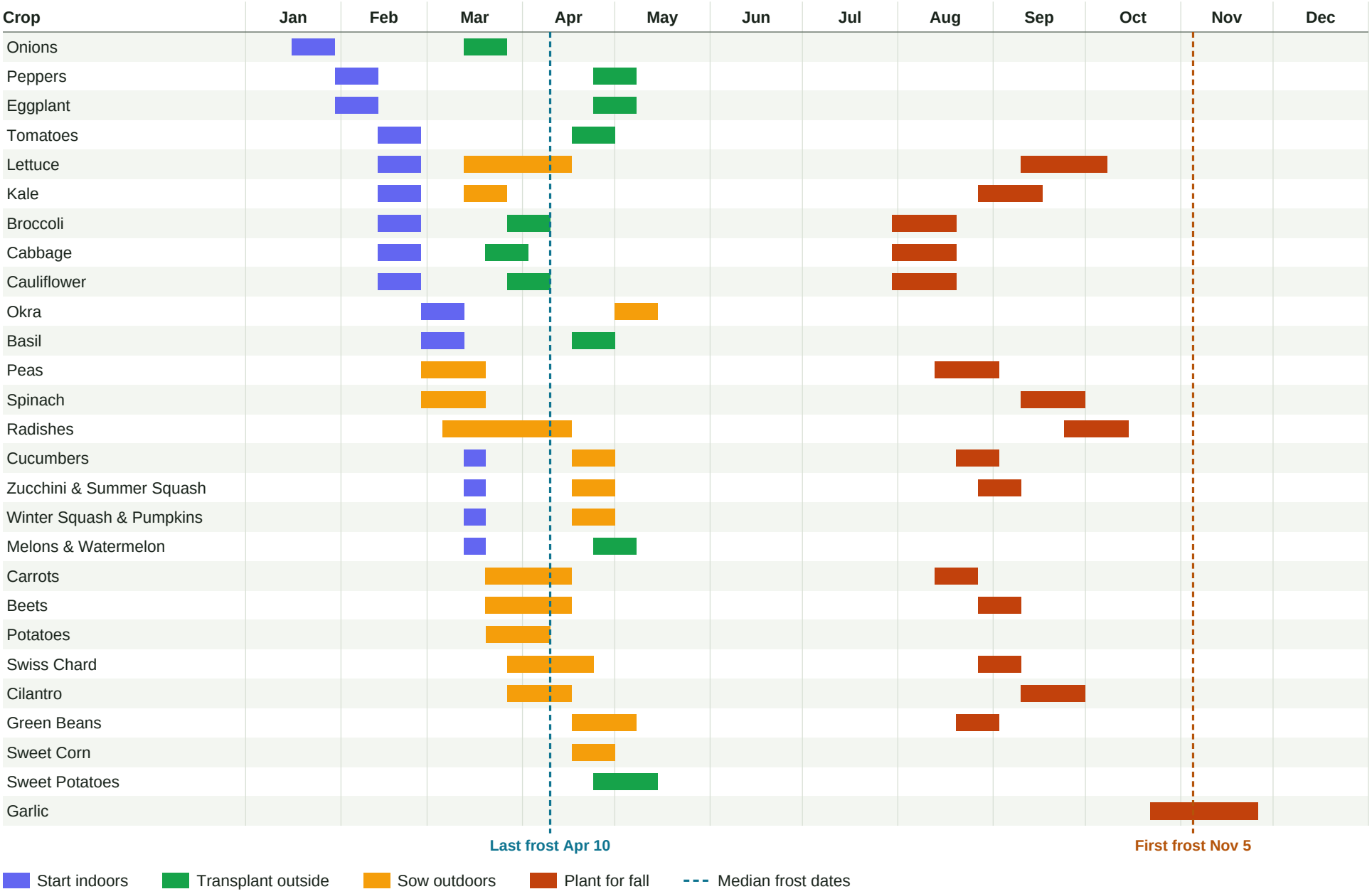
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Jan 16 – Jan 30 | Mar 13 – Mar 27 | — | — |
| Peppers | Jan 30 – Feb 13 | Apr 24 – May 8 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Jan 30 – Feb 13 | Apr 24 – May 8 | — | — |
| Tomatoes | Feb 13 – Feb 27 | Apr 17 – May 1 | — | — |
| Lettuce | Feb 13 – Feb 27 | Mar 20 – Apr 3 | Mar 13 – Apr 17 | Sep 10 – Oct 8 |
| Kale | Feb 13 – Feb 27 | Mar 13 – Mar 27 | Mar 13 – Mar 27 | Aug 27 – Sep 17 |
| Broccoli | Feb 13 – Feb 27 | Mar 27 – Apr 10 | — | Jul 30 – Aug 20 |
| Cabbage | Feb 13 – Feb 27 | Mar 20 – Apr 3 | — | Jul 30 – Aug 20 |
| Cauliflower | Feb 13 – Feb 27 | Mar 27 – Apr 10 | — | Jul 30 – Aug 20 |
| Okra | Feb 27 – Mar 13 | May 1 – May 15 | May 1 – May 15 | — |
| Basil | Feb 27 – Mar 13 | Apr 17 – May 1 | — | — |
| Peas | — | — | Feb 27 – Mar 20 | Aug 13 – Sep 3 |
| Spinach | — | — | Feb 27 – Mar 20 | Sep 10 – Oct 1 |
| Radishes | — | — | Mar 6 – Apr 17 | Sep 24 – Oct 15 |
| Cucumbers | Mar 13 – Mar 20 | Apr 24 – May 1 | Apr 17 – May 1 | Aug 20 – Sep 3 |
| Zucchini & Summer Squash | Mar 13 – Mar 20 | — | Apr 17 – May 1 | Aug 27 – Sep 10 |
| Winter Squash & Pumpkins | Mar 13 – Mar 20 | — | Apr 17 – May 1 | — |
| Melons & Watermelon | Mar 13 – Mar 20 | Apr 24 – May 8 | — | — |
| Carrots | — | — | Mar 20 – Apr 17 | Aug 13 – Aug 27 |
| Beets | — | — | Mar 20 – Apr 17 | Aug 27 – Sep 10 |
| Potatoes | — | — | Mar 20 – Apr 10 | — |
| Swiss Chard | — | — | Mar 27 – Apr 24 | Aug 27 – Sep 10 |
| Cilantro | — | — | Mar 27 – Apr 17 | Sep 10 – Oct 1 |
| Green Beans | — | — | Apr 17 – May 8 | Aug 20 – Sep 3 |
| Sweet Corn | — | — | Apr 17 – May 1 | — |
| Sweet Potatoes | — | Apr 24 – May 15 | — | — |
| Garlic | — | — | — | Oct 22 – Nov 26 |

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