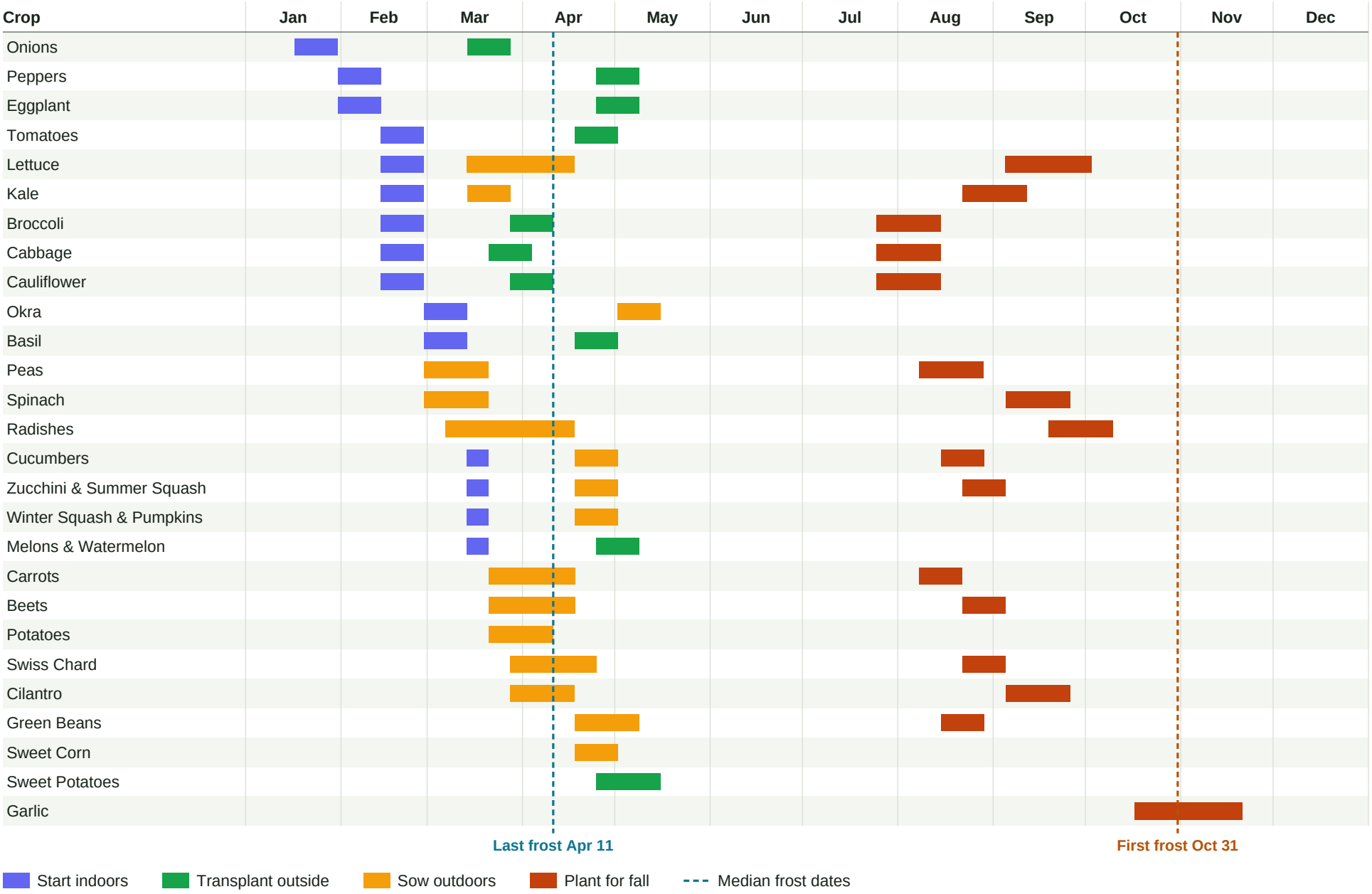
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 17 – Jan 31	Mar 14 – Mar 28	—	—
Peppers	Jan 31 – Feb 14	Apr 25 – May 9	—	—
Eggplant	Jan 31 – Feb 14	Apr 25 – May 9	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 14 – Feb 28	Apr 18 – May 2	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 14 – Feb 28	Mar 21 – Apr 4	Mar 14 – Apr 18	Sep 5 – Oct 3
Kale	Feb 14 – Feb 28	Mar 14 – Mar 28	Mar 14 – Mar 28	Aug 22 – Sep 12
Broccoli	Feb 14 – Feb 28	Mar 28 – Apr 11	—	Jul 25 – Aug 15
Cabbage	Feb 14 – Feb 28	Mar 21 – Apr 4	—	Jul 25 – Aug 15
Cauliflower	Feb 14 – Feb 28	Mar 28 – Apr 11	—	Jul 25 – Aug 15
Okra	Feb 28 – Mar 14	May 2 – May 16	May 2 – May 16	—
Basil	Feb 28 – Mar 14	Apr 18 – May 2	—	—
Peas	—	—	Feb 28 – Mar 21	Aug 8 – Aug 29
Spinach	—	—	Feb 28 – Mar 21	Sep 5 – Sep 26
Radishes	—	—	Mar 7 – Apr 18	Sep 19 – Oct 10
Cucumbers	Mar 14 – Mar 21	Apr 25 – May 2	Apr 18 – May 2	Aug 15 – Aug 29
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 14 – Mar 21	—	Apr 18 – May 2	Aug 22 – Sep 5
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 14 – Mar 21	—	Apr 18 – May 2	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 14 – Mar 21	Apr 25 – May 9	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 21 – Apr 18	Aug 8 – Aug 22
Beets	—	—	Mar 21 – Apr 18	Aug 22 – Sep 5
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 21 – Apr 11	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Mar 28 – Apr 25	Aug 22 – Sep 5
Cilantro	—	—	Mar 28 – Apr 18	Sep 5 – Sep 26
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 18 – May 9	Aug 15 – Aug 29
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 18 – May 2	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	Apr 25 – May 16	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 17 – Nov 21

Wait until after Apr 27 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.