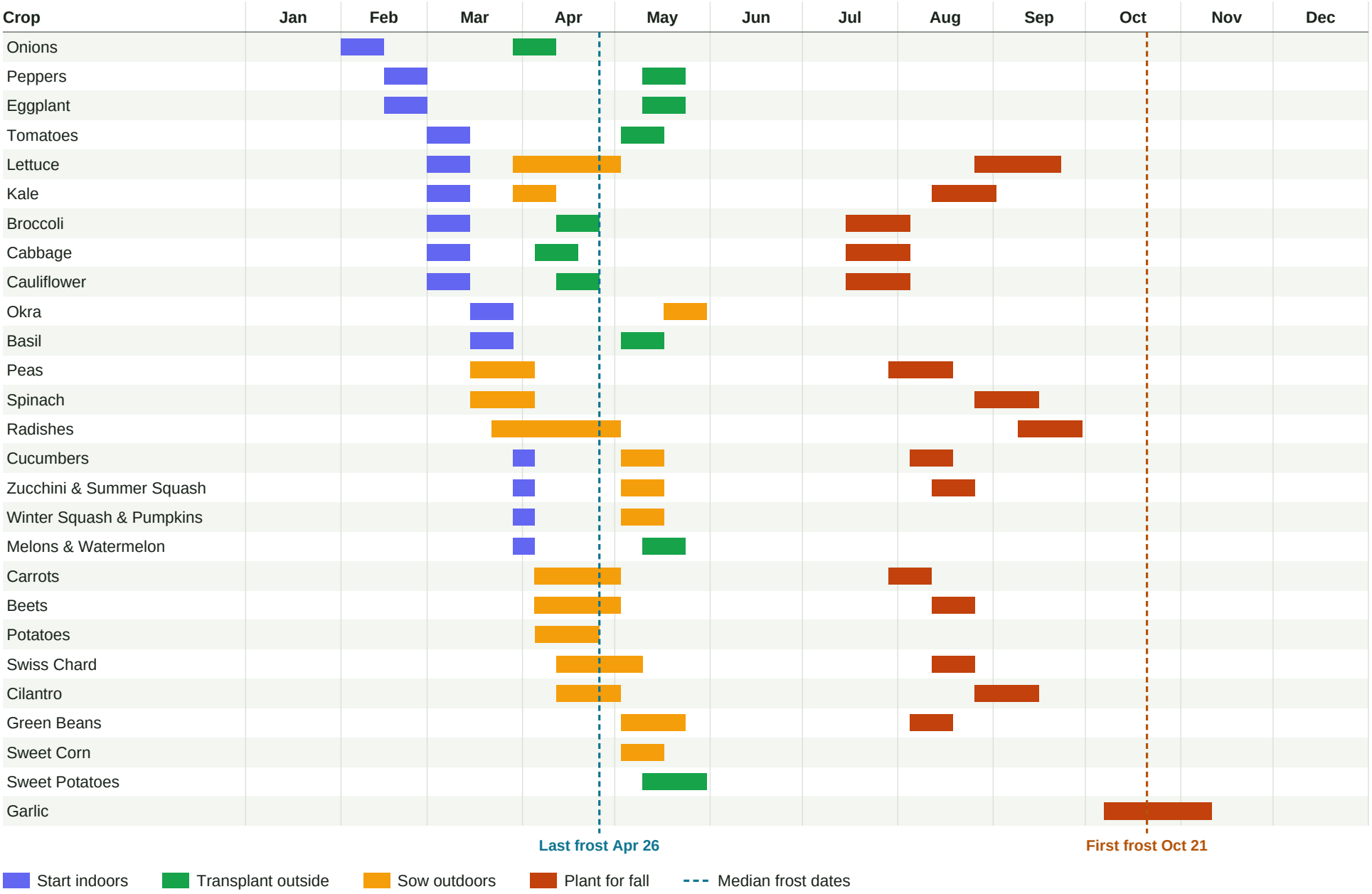
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Feb 1 – Feb 15	Mar 29 – Apr 12	—	—
Peppers	Feb 15 – Mar 1	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 15 – Mar 1	May 10 – May 24	—	—
Tomatoes	Mar 1 – Mar 15	May 3 – May 17	—	—
Lettuce	Mar 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.