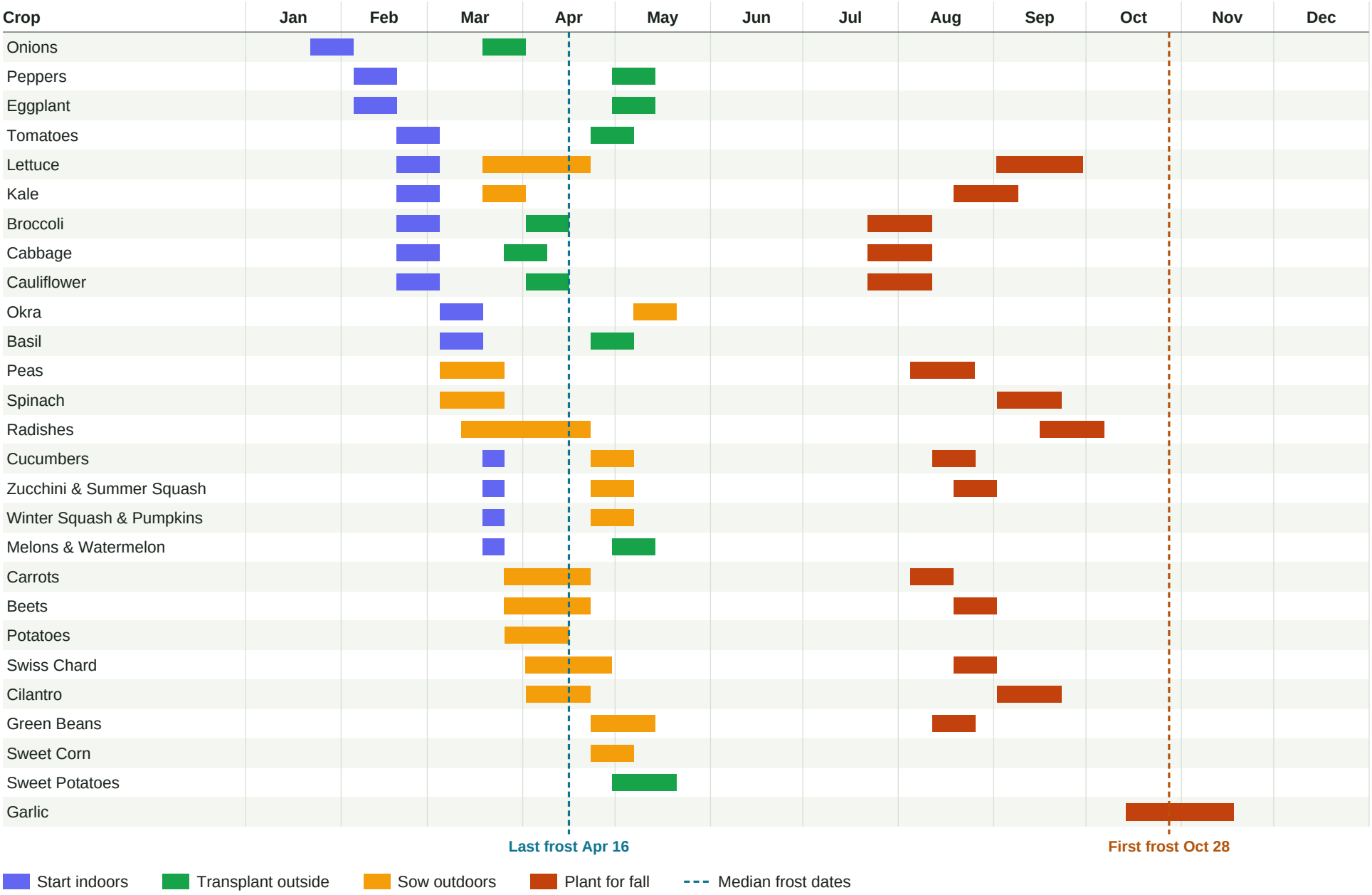
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 22 – Feb 5	Mar 19 – Apr 2	—	—
Peppers	Feb 5 – Feb 19	Apr 30 – May 14	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 5 – Feb 19	Apr 30 – May 14	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 19 – Mar 5	Apr 23 – May 7	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 19 – Mar 5	Mar 26 – Apr 9	Mar 19 – Apr 23	Sep 2 – Sep 30
Kale	Feb 19 – Mar 5	Mar 19 – Apr 2	Mar 19 – Apr 2	Aug 19 – Sep 9
Broccoli	Feb 19 – Mar 5	Apr 2 – Apr 16	—	Jul 22 – Aug 12
Cabbage	Feb 19 – Mar 5	Mar 26 – Apr 9	—	Jul 22 – Aug 12
Cauliflower	Feb 19 – Mar 5	Apr 2 – Apr 16	—	Jul 22 – Aug 12
Okra	Mar 5 – Mar 19	May 7 – May 21	May 7 – May 21	—
Basil	Mar 5 – Mar 19	Apr 23 – May 7	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 5 – Mar 26	Aug 5 – Aug 26
Spinach	—	—	Mar 5 – Mar 26	Sep 2 – Sep 23
Radishes	—	—	Mar 12 – Apr 23	Sep 16 – Oct 7
Cucumbers	Mar 19 – Mar 26	Apr 30 – May 7	Apr 23 – May 7	Aug 12 – Aug 26
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 19 – Mar 26	—	Apr 23 – May 7	Aug 19 – Sep 2
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 19 – Mar 26	—	Apr 23 – May 7	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 19 – Mar 26	Apr 30 – May 14	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Mar 26 – Apr 23	Aug 5 – Aug 19
Beets	—	—	Mar 26 – Apr 23	Aug 19 – Sep 2
Potatoes	—	—	Mar 26 – Apr 16	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 2 – Apr 30	Aug 19 – Sep 2
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 2 – Apr 23	Sep 2 – Sep 23
Green Beans	—	—	Apr 23 – May 14	Aug 12 – Aug 26
Sweet Corn	—	—	Apr 23 – May 7	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	Apr 30 – May 21	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 14 – Nov 18

Wait until after May 1 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.