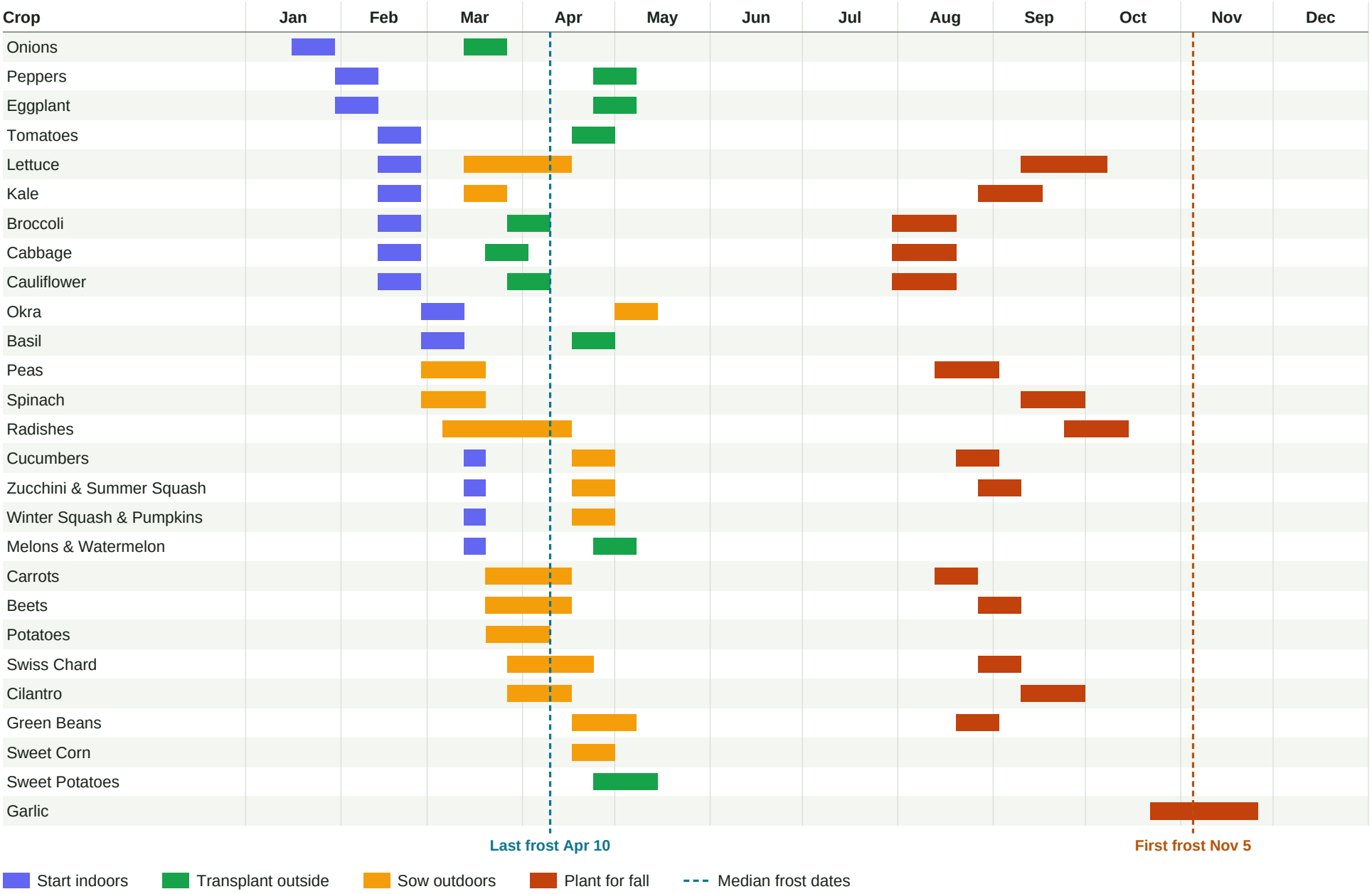
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 16 – Jan 30	Mar 13 – Mar 27	—	—
Peppers	Jan 30 – Feb 13	Apr 24 – May 8	—	—
Eggplant	Jan 30 – Feb 13	Apr 24 – May 8	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 13 – Feb 27	Apr 17 – May 1	—	—
Lettuce	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.