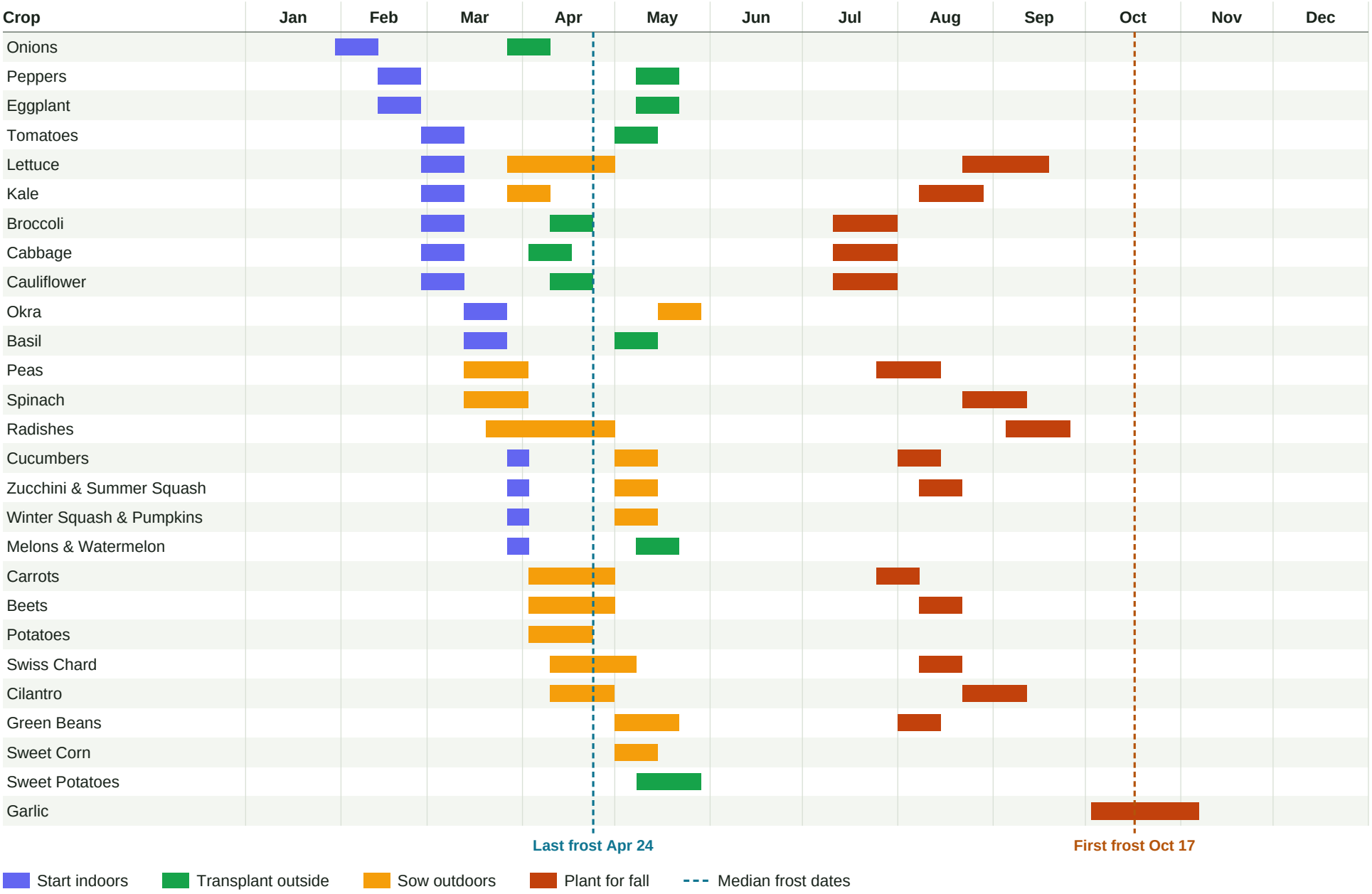
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Crop	Start indoors	Transplant outside	Sow outdoors	Plant for fall
Onions	Jan 30 – Feb 13	Mar 27 – Apr 10	—	—
Peppers	Feb 13 – Feb 27	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Eggplant	Feb 13 – Feb 27	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Tomatoes	Feb 27 – Mar 13	May 1 – May 15	—	—
Lettuce	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Apr 3 – Apr 17	Mar 27 – May 1	Aug 22 – Sep 19
Kale	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Mar 27 – Apr 10	Mar 27 – Apr 10	Aug 8 – Aug 29
Broccoli	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Apr 10 – Apr 24	—	Jul 11 – Aug 1
Cabbage	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Apr 3 – Apr 17	—	Jul 11 – Aug 1
Cauliflower	Feb 27 – Mar 13	Apr 10 – Apr 24	—	Jul 11 – Aug 1
Okra	Mar 13 – Mar 27	May 15 – May 29	May 15 – May 29	—
Basil	Mar 13 – Mar 27	May 1 – May 15	—	—
Peas	—	—	Mar 13 – Apr 3	Jul 25 – Aug 15
Spinach	—	—	Mar 13 – Apr 3	Aug 22 – Sep 12
Radishes	—	—	Mar 20 – May 1	Sep 5 – Sep 26
Cucumbers	Mar 27 – Apr 3	May 8 – May 15	May 1 – May 15	Aug 1 – Aug 15
Zucchini & Summer Squash	Mar 27 – Apr 3	—	May 1 – May 15	Aug 8 – Aug 22
Winter Squash & Pumpkins	Mar 27 – Apr 3	—	May 1 – May 15	—
Melons & Watermelon	Mar 27 – Apr 3	May 8 – May 22	—	—
Carrots	—	—	Apr 3 – May 1	Jul 25 – Aug 8
Beets	—	—	Apr 3 – May 1	Aug 8 – Aug 22
Potatoes	—	—	Apr 3 – Apr 24	—
Swiss Chard	—	—	Apr 10 – May 8	Aug 8 – Aug 22
Cilantro	—	—	Apr 10 – May 1	Aug 22 – Sep 12
Green Beans	—	—	May 1 – May 22	Aug 1 – Aug 15
Sweet Corn	—	—	May 1 – May 15	—
Sweet Potatoes	—	May 8 – May 29	—	—
Garlic	—	—	—	Oct 3 – Nov 7

Wait until after May 8 (only a 10% chance of frost) to plant out the most frost-tender crops: tomatoes, peppers, basil, melons.