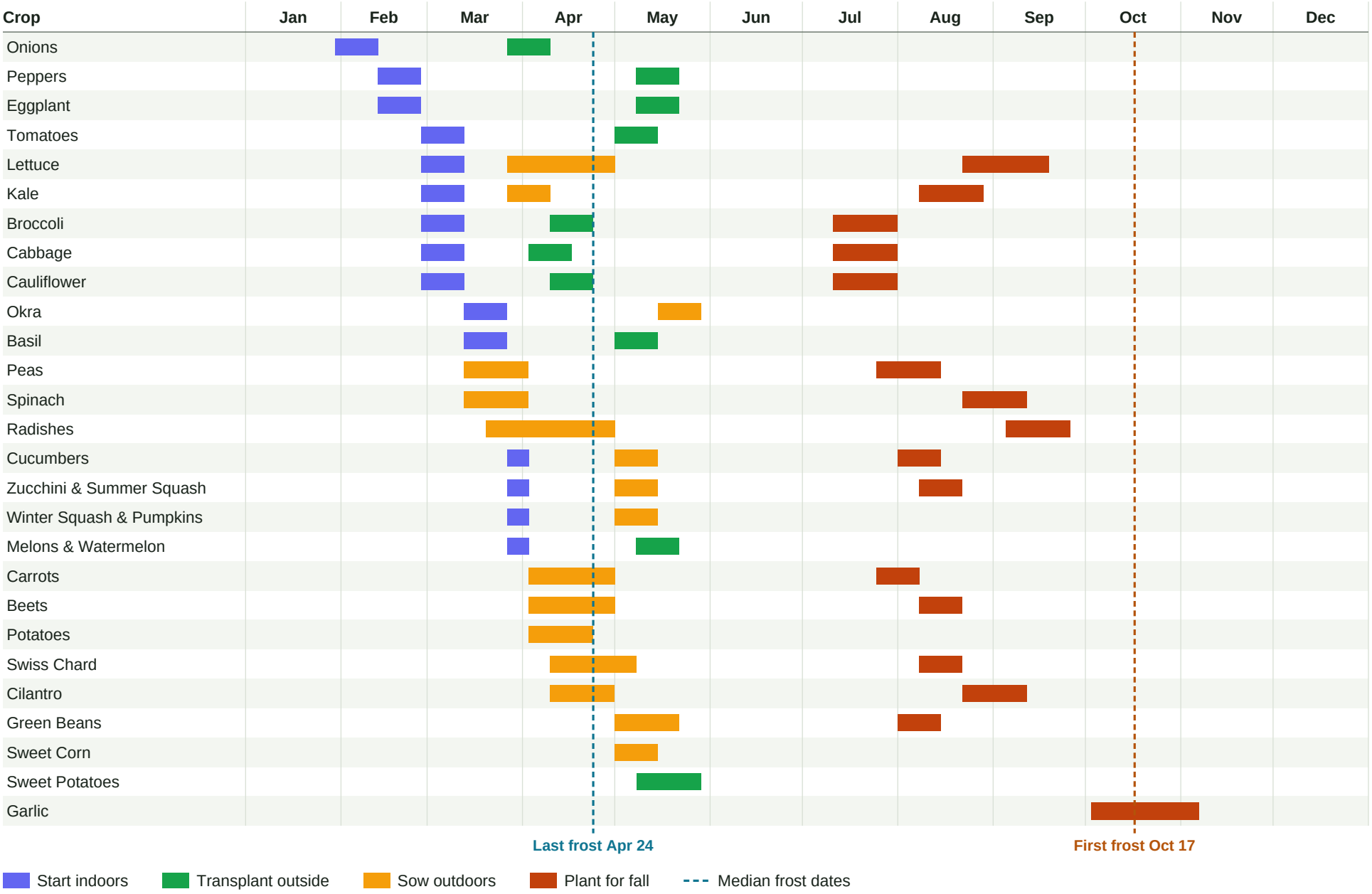
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| Crop | Start indoors | Transplant outside | Sow outdoors | Plant for fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Onions | Jan 30 – Feb 13 | Mar 27 – Apr 10 | — | — |
| Peppers | Feb 13 – Feb 27 | May 8 – May 22 | — | — |
| Eggplant | Feb 13 – Feb 27 | May 8 – 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.