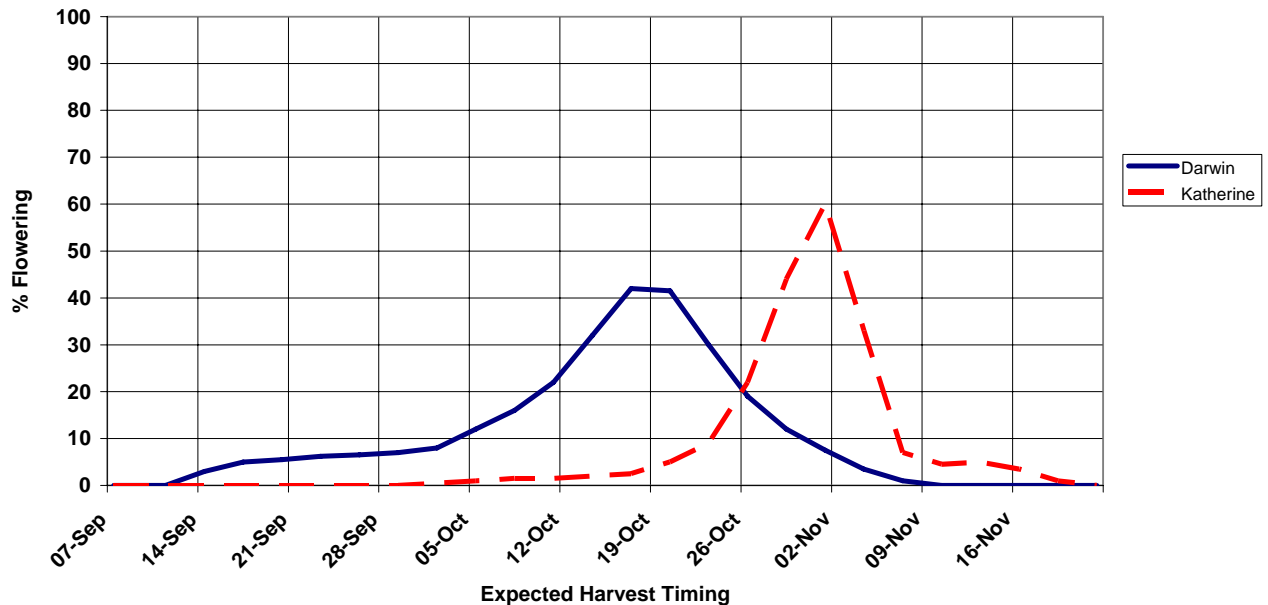


## Combined NT Mango Timing Forecast – 1 September 2006

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**Combined NT Mango Timing Forecast**  
**Second flowering survey, 1 September 2006**

**Darwin Region:** 106,000 trees, 21 farms  
**Katherine Region:** 76,000 trees, 10 farms



### Key Points for the NT Mango Crop Forecast, 1 September 2006:

- The fruit development continues to be slower than normal from the cool weather.
- The period of early low volumes and higher prices is also stretching.
- Significant volumes last week in September from Darwin region.
- Peak in the mid 2 weeks of October for the Darwin region.
- Peak in the first 2 weeks of November for the Katherine Region.
- Large overlap between Darwin and Katherine regions.
- Earlier than the last heavy season in 2004 and more spread out to 6 weeks rather than 4 weeks in 2004 for the Darwin region.
- Fruit development should proceed normally from now on with long-term weather forecast of average or 60-70% chance of slightly above average temperatures (Bureau of meteorology website) [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)
- Flowering is completed and fruit set has been affected by cold temperatures.
- Leaf hopper is active in a few places, be vigilant.

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