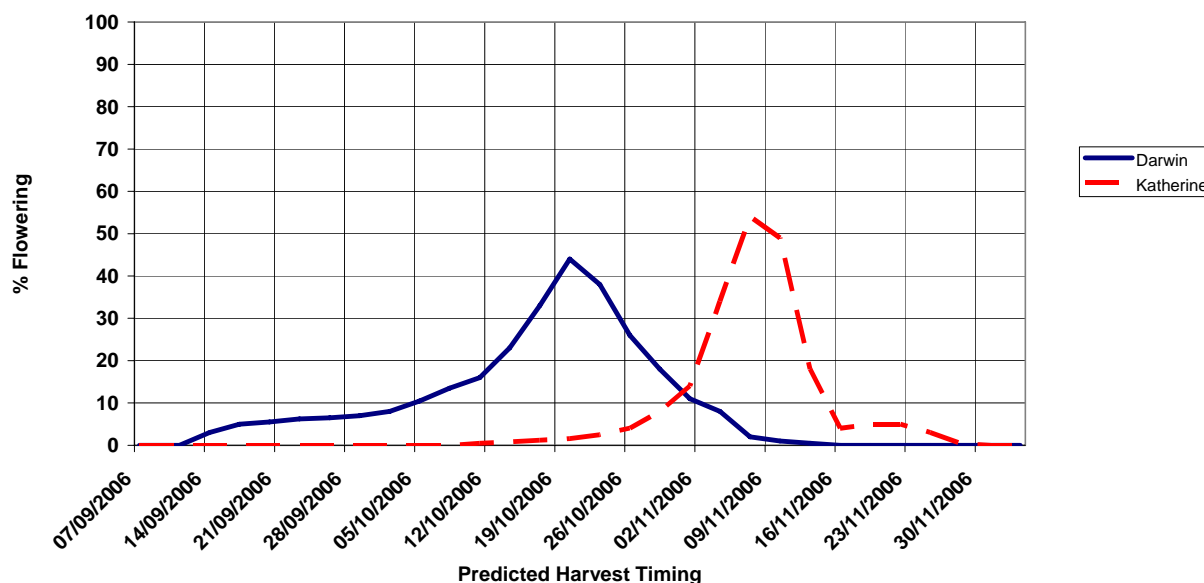


Combined NT Mango Timing Forecast – 15 October 2006

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Combined NT Mango Timing Forecast Second flowering survey, 15 October 2006

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



Key Points for the NT Mango Crop Forecast, 15 October 2006

- The fruit development in Katherine continues to be slower than normal from the unseasonal cool weather.
- Darwin volume is on track to peak in the second week of October.
- Peak in the first 2 weeks of November for the Katherine Region.
- Overlap between Darwin and Katherine regions is reducing as the cool weather spreads the expected harvest pattern.
- The fruit set has been affected by cold temperatures, there has been a significant fruit drop from the early July flowering.
- The crop will be spread over 8-10 weeks, 3-5 weeks longer than 2004.
- Early shed estimates put the NT 2006 mango crop at between 2.0 - 2.2 million trays. This was 0.5 million trays less than 2004.
- This may increase with the spread harvest and reduced overlap of Darwin and Katherine regions.
- No rain and better fungicide treatments in the Darwin region has meant very low level of rots so far this year.
- This is the last update for the 2006 NT Mango crop forecast.

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