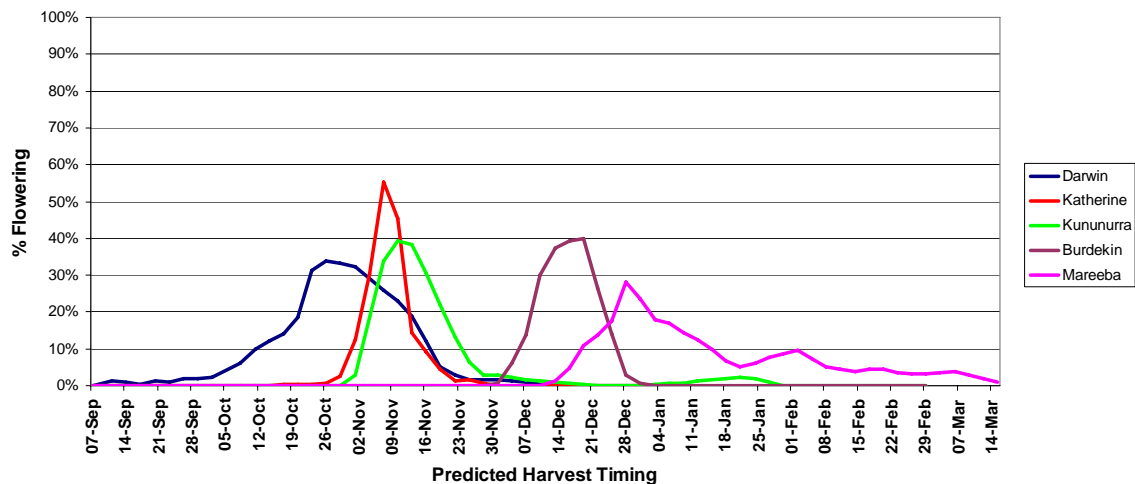


Combined Mango Timing Forecast – 1 December 2007

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Sample size
 Darwin Region: 167,500 trees
 Katherine Region: 114,000 trees
 Kununurra region : 108,600 trees
 Burdekin region: 65,500 trees
 Mareeba: 58,500 trees



Key Points for the National Mango Crop Forecast, 1 December 2007:

- Mangoes from far north and north-west Queensland are in the market along with early fruit from the Burdekin and Bowen.
- This is inline with the forecast harvest date for the Burdekin season.
- The Darwin crop is completed.
- The Katherine harvest is almost finished.
- The estimate of the Total NT crop was between 1.6 -1.8 million trays. The final total is going to be much higher than this with 2.2 million trays already harvested up to 19 November.
- The NT main harvest season has run an extra week longer in both Darwin and Katherine than the forecasted 5 - 6 weeks, from 12 October to 23 November.
- The Kununurra harvest is almost completed with only the later varieties left to pick.
- The predicted yields in Kununurra of about 50-60% full capacity seem to be more accurate than the NT volume prediction.
- This pattern seems to be repeated in the major north Queensland regions. While most areas reported very strong flowering the final yields may not live up to early expectations.
- Mid and later mango varieties are well represented in the Mareeba data.

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