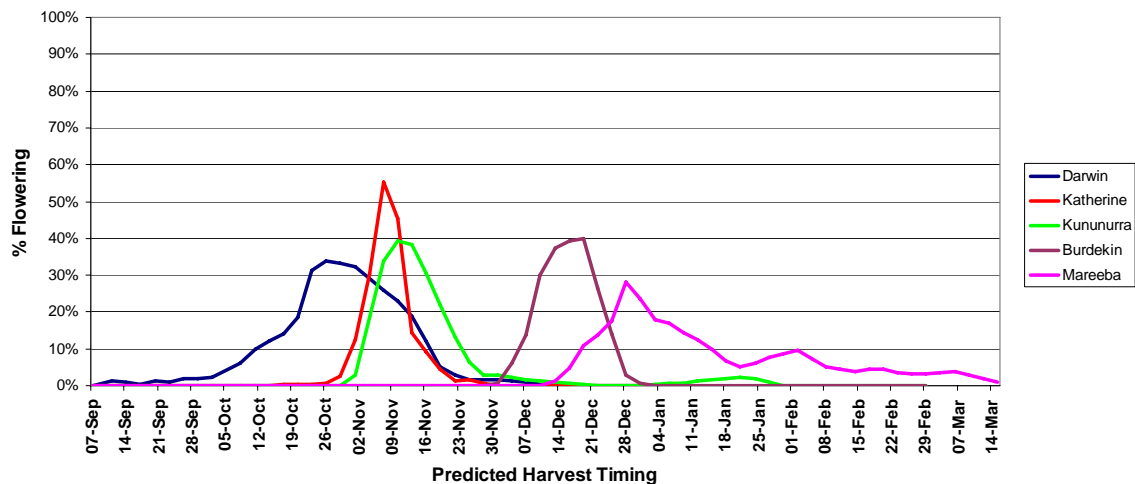


Combined Mango Timing Forecast – 16 December 2007

Greg Owens, A/Principal Extension Officer, DPIFM Darwin

Combined Mango Timing Forecast Update 1 December 2007

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, 16 December 2007:

- There has been no significant change in the crop.
- 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 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.

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY, FISHERIES AND MINES

Crops, Forestry and Horticulture Division

GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801

Tel: 08 8999 2357 Fax: 08 8999 2049 Email: horticulture@nt.gov.au Web: www.horticulture.nt.gov.au

Disclaimer:

While all reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the information contained in this publication is correct, the information covered is subject to change. The Northern Territory Government does not assume and hereby disclaims any express or implied liability whatsoever to any party for any loss or damage caused by errors or omissions, whether these errors or omissions result from negligence, accident or any other cause.