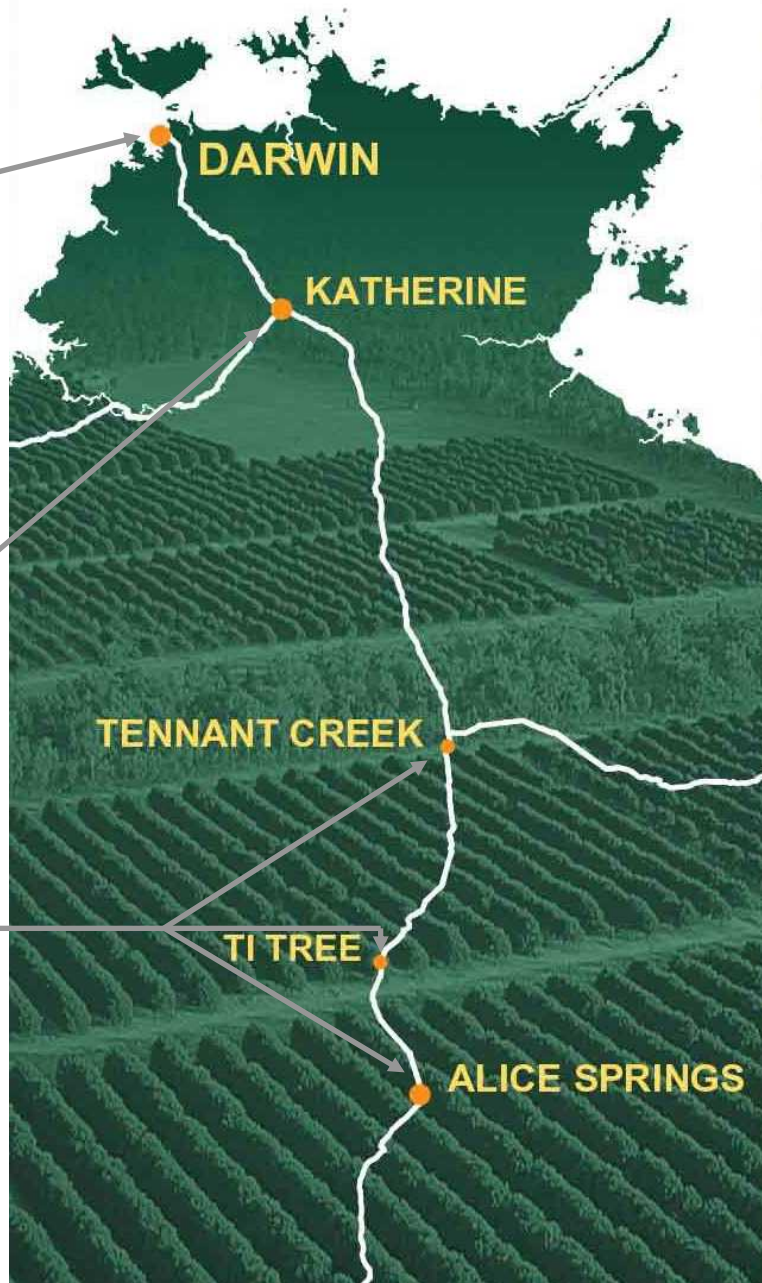


NT Plant Industries Profile 2009

TOP END REGION	\$80.60m
Fruit	\$41.50m
Vegetables	\$18.70m
Ornamentals	\$18.70m
Pasture, Field & Fodder	\$ 1.70m
Forestry (35,000 ha planted)	

KATHERINE REGION	\$49.39m
Fruit	\$33.51m
Vegetables	\$ 1.00m
Pasture, Field & Fodder	\$11.64m
Peanuts	\$ 3.28m

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA	\$ 4.74m
Fruit	\$ 3.68m
Vegetables	\$ 1.06m



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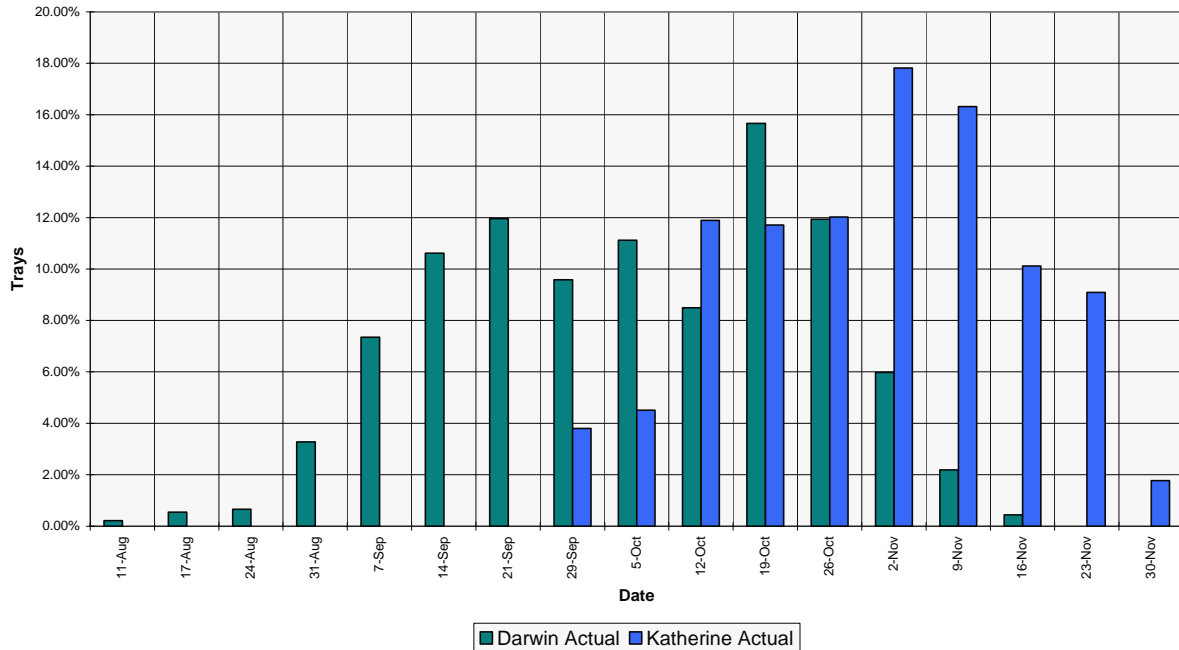
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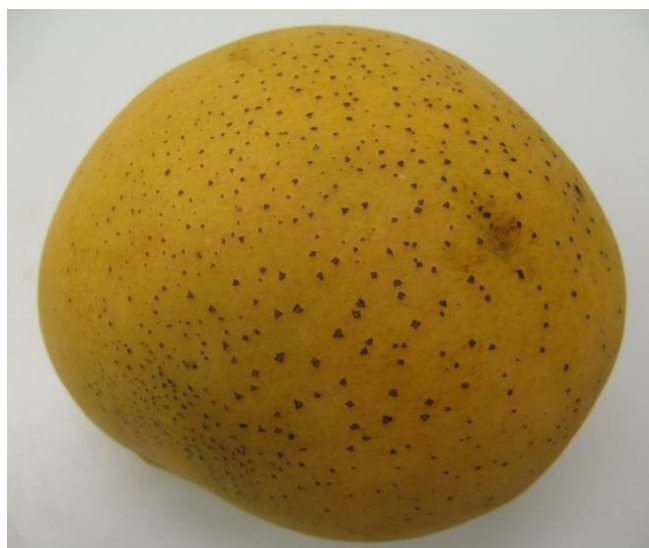
2009 MANGO SEASON

The 2009 mango season was the second biggest season to date with a value of \$46m from production of over 2.3 million trays or approximately 18,088 tonnes for the Northern Territory.

The season started reasonably early with multiple flowerings throughout all of the regions. In Darwin the harvest started in early August and continued through to mid November. The Katherine region started in late September and finished early December. See Graph below.



The season was relatively disease free due to the early harvest and lack of substantial rain with little or no anthracnose on the fruit. There was however a greater incidence of lenticel spotting than normal and some other blemishes were reasonably frequent (see Pictures below), many growers also reported smaller fruit than usual.



Lenticel Spots



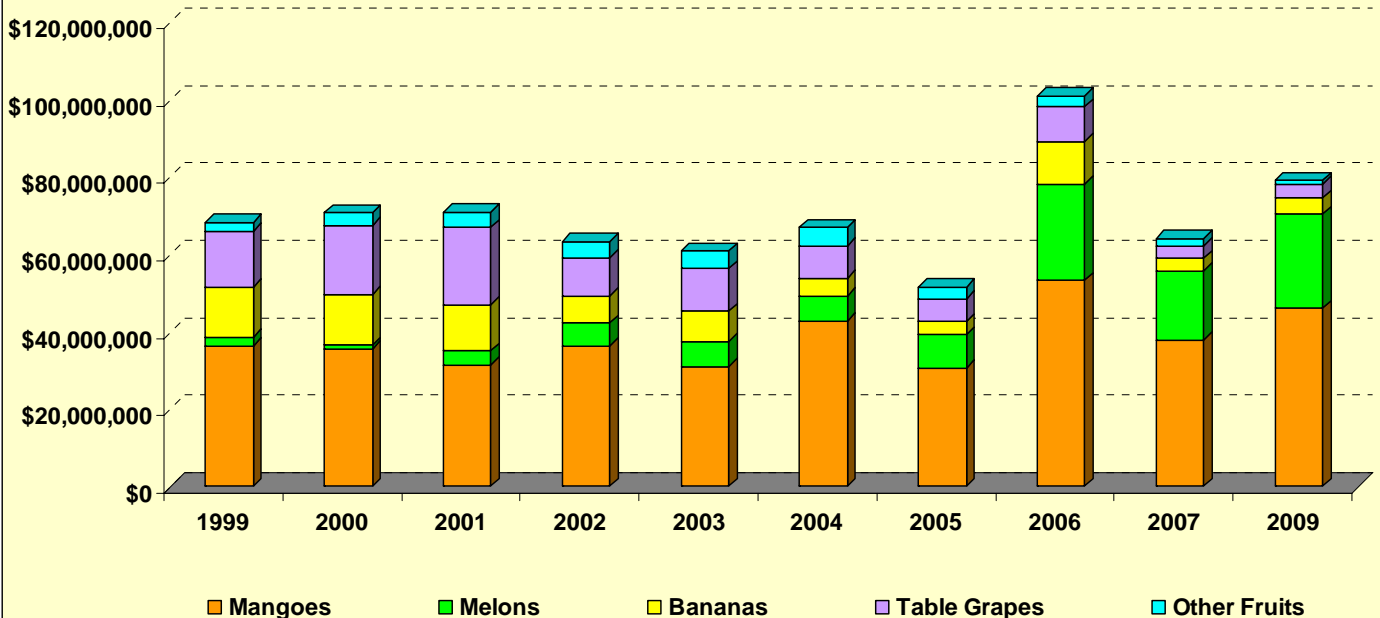
Blemishes

2009 NT Fruit Industry Statistics

The fruit industry in the Northern Territory is dominated by mangoes and melons; bananas and table grapes are important but are a smaller part of the industry; production of citrus and other tropical fruit is a minor part of the NT output. The table below shows the statistics for 2009 calendar year, and the graph shows comparisons over the past 10 years (note data for 2008 is unavailable). It can be seen from the graph that the importance of mangoes and melons has increased remarkably over the last decade, while table grapes and bananas have decreased in their relative contribution.

Crop	Industry Value	Change in value from 2007	Tonne produced	Estimated area planted
Mango	\$46.05m	+ 25%	18,088	6,255 ha
Melons (<i>honey dew, rockmelon, watermelon</i>)	\$24.40m	+ 45%	34,130	502 ha
Banana	\$ 4.20m	+ 25%	2,268	60 ha
Table Grape	\$ 3.68m	+ 1%	1,048	233 ha
Citrus (<i>grapefruit, lemon, lime, mandarin, orange, pummelo</i>)	\$ 0.81m	- 50%	203	n/a
Other Fruit (<i>rambutans, jackfruit</i>)	\$ 0.10m	- 50%	18	72 ha
TOTAL	\$79.24m	+ 20%	55,755	7,122

Value of the NT Fruit Industry 1999 - 2009

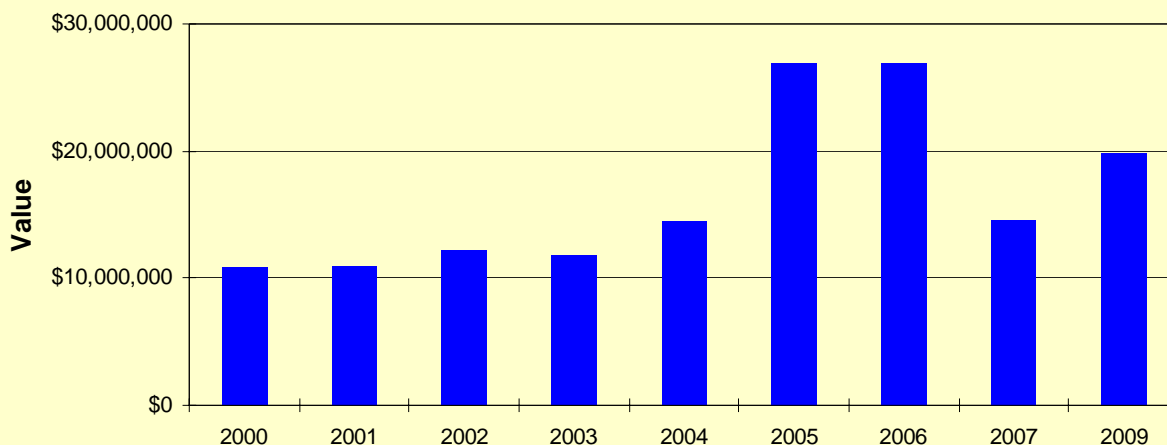


2009 NT Vegetable Industry Statistics

The Northern Territory vegetable industry has an approximate area of 1,352 hectares comprising around 60 enterprises meaning most enterprises are quite small. Most of the vegetable production is around the Darwin rural area and is dominated by growers of non English speaking backgrounds. The table below shows production figures for the 2009 calendar year and the graph shows production comparisons over the past 10 years (note data for 2008 is unavailable).

Crop	Industry Value	Change in value from 2007	Tonne produced
Cucumber (<i>lebanese, green</i>)	\$ 7.36m	+ 50%	2,525
Okra	\$ 4.00m	+ 45%	276
Snake Bean	\$ 2.84m	+ 1%	537
Bitter melon	\$ 2.76m	+ 70%	537
Gourds (<i>hairy melon, long melon, luffa, winter melon, sin qua</i>)	\$ 1.63m	- 50%	518
Leafy vegetables (<i>kangkong, leafy brassicas, lettuce</i>)	\$ 0.56m	- 10%	112
Pumpkin (<i>butternut, jap, jarradale</i>)	\$ 0.50m	- 30%	1,400
Herbs (<i>chilli, coriander, rosemary</i>)	\$ 0.11m	- 71%	10
TOTAL	\$19.76m	+ 20%	5,915

■ Value of NT Vegetable Industry 2000 to 2009

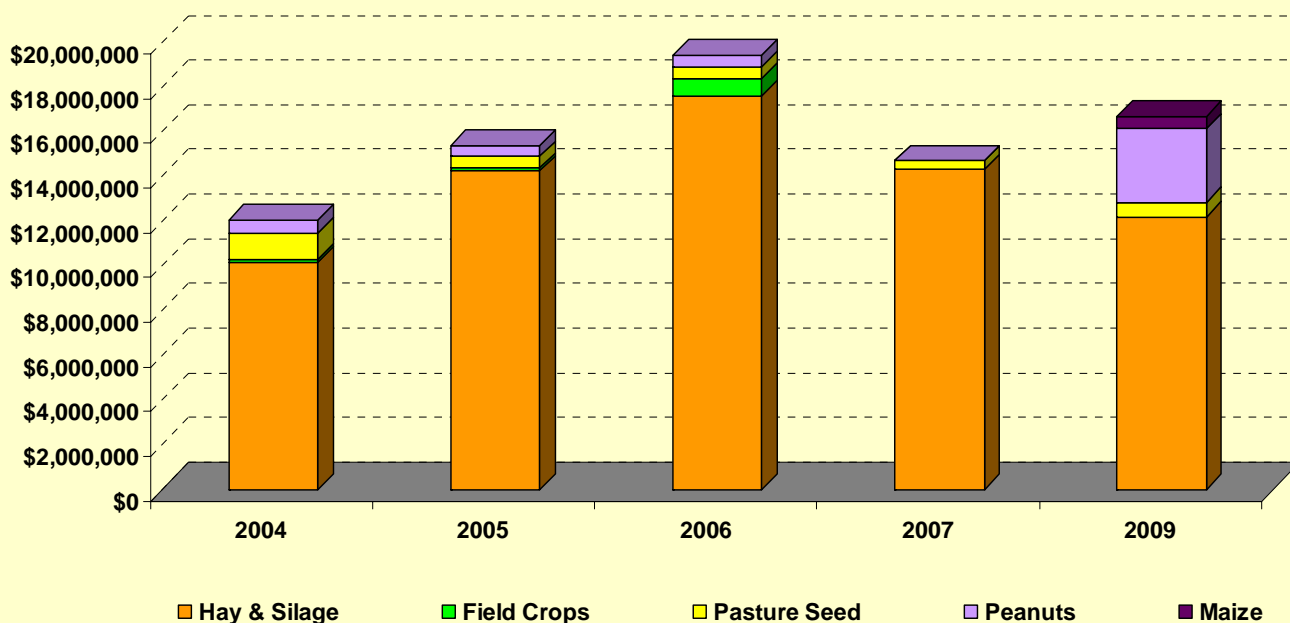


2009 NT Field & Fodder Crops Statistics

The majority of Northern Territory hay and silage is grown in the Katherine, Daly and Darwin regions, there is only minor hay and silage production in central Australia. Pasture seeds are also grown in the Katherine and Daly region, while peanuts and maize are grown exclusively around Katherine. The Northern Territory does not currently have a grain sorghum industry, although grain has been grown here in the past. The graph shows comparisons over the past 5 years (note data for 2008 is unavailable).

Crop	Industry value	Change in value from 2007	Tonne produced
Hay & Silage	\$12.20m	- 10%	67,260
Peanuts	\$ 3.28m	+ 100%	4,100
Pasture Seed	\$ 0.66m	+ 5%	63
Maize	\$ 0.54m		1800
TOTAL	\$16.68m	- 10%	73,223

Value of the NT Field & Fodder Industry 2004 - 2009



2009 NT Forestry Industry Statistics

The Northern Territory forestry industry has experienced rapid expansion in hardwood plantation development in the Douglas Daly region for high value solid wood products based exclusively on African Mahogany (*Khaya senegalensis*). *Acacia mangium* is planted for pulp production on Melville Island. The table below shows the current area planted, there are no production figures because harvest will not occur for at least another 5 years.

	Area planted in 2009	Total area planted
High Value Hardwood Product	4,030 ha	7,000 ha
Hardwood Pulp	0 ha	28,000 ha
TOTAL	4,030 ha	35,000 ha

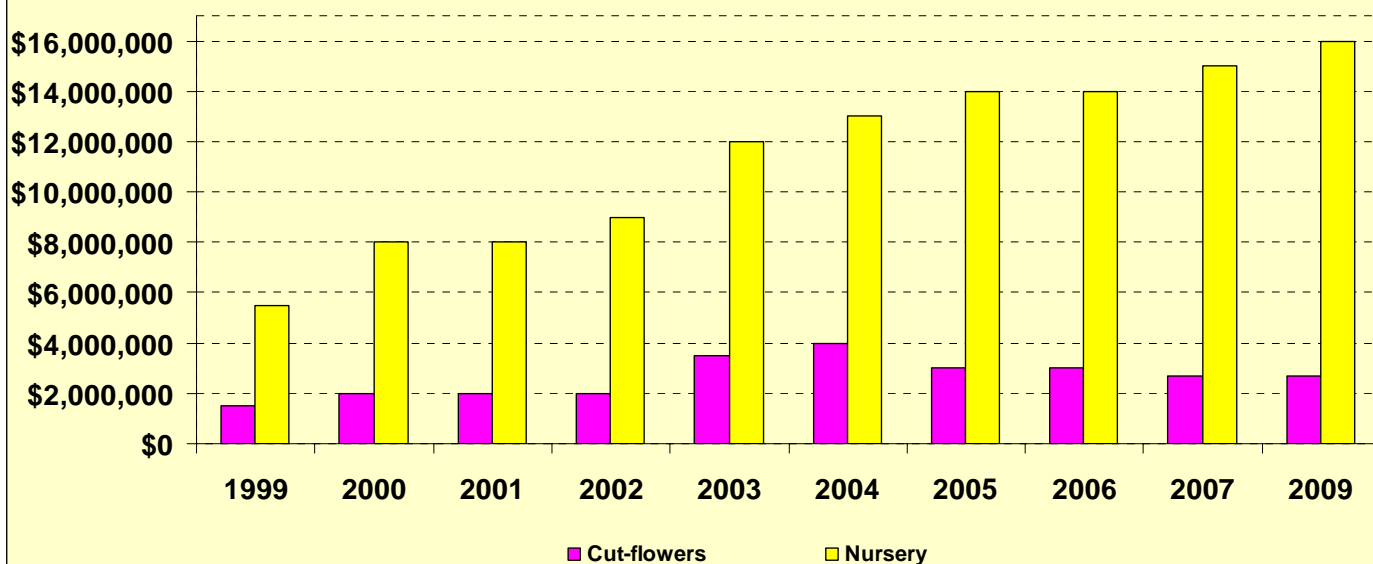


2009 NT Ornamental Industry Statistics

The ornamental industry for the Northern Territory comprises Nursery and cut-flowers, although a small industry in area it contributes a significant proportion of the NT's horticulture industry by value. The nursery industry dominates this sector. Nurseries are based in all major Northern Territory centres. Cut-flower production in the NT is centred around the Darwin rural area. There has been a rationalisation of the number of Cut-flower growers, total production, however, remains the same as in previous years. **Ninety percent (90%) of product is sold at the interstate markets or wholesale outlets**, with the remaining 10% being sold locally as corporate flower arrangements or direct to the public through the local markets and shopping centres. The graph below shows production comparisons for the past 10 years (note data for 2008 is unavailable).

	Industry value	Change in value from 2007	Estimated area planted
Nursery	\$16.0m	+ 10%	40 ha
Cut-flowers	\$02.7m	+ 0%	30 ha
TOTAL	\$18.7m	+ 10%	70 ha

Value of the NT Ornamental Industry 1999 to 2009

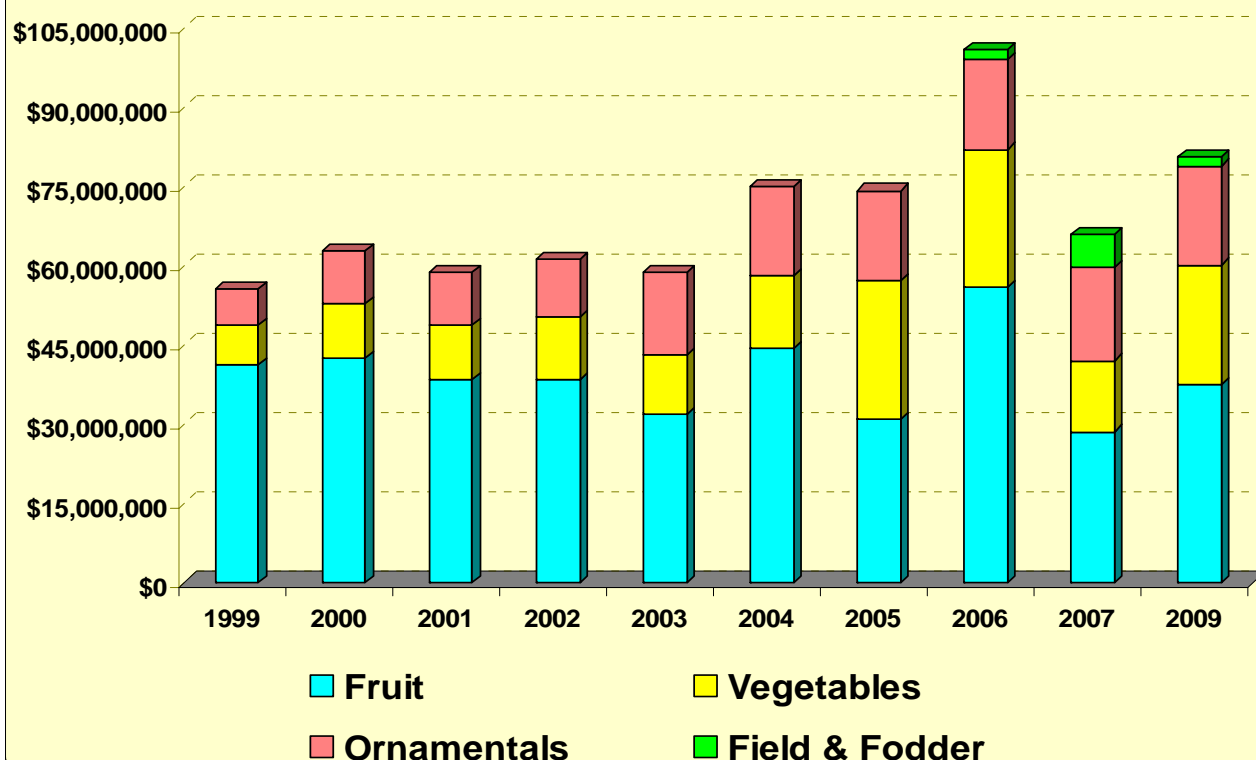


2009 Statistics for the Top End Region

The following table and graph shows overall plant industry production figures for the Top End Region which is defined as an area north of Pine Creek that includes the Darwin rural area and Douglas/Daly region. The graph shows production comparisons for the past 10 years (note data for 2008 is unavailable).

Crop	Industry value	Tonne produced	Estimated area planted
Mango	\$ 28.5m	11,194	4,150 ha
Ornamentals	\$ 18.7m	n/a	70 ha
Vegetables	\$ 18.7m	4,966	1,290 ha
Melons	\$ 8.2m	10,520	39 ha
Bananas	\$ 4.2m	2,268	60 ha
Field & Fodder Crops	\$ 1.7m	8,360	n/a
Citrus	\$ 0.5m	100	n/a
Other Fruit	\$ 0.1m	18	72 ha
Forestry	n/a	n/a	35,000 ha
TOTAL	\$80.6m	37,426	40,681 ha

Value of Plant Industry Production Top End Region 1999- 2009

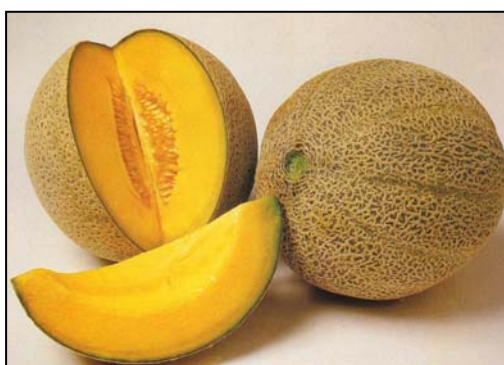
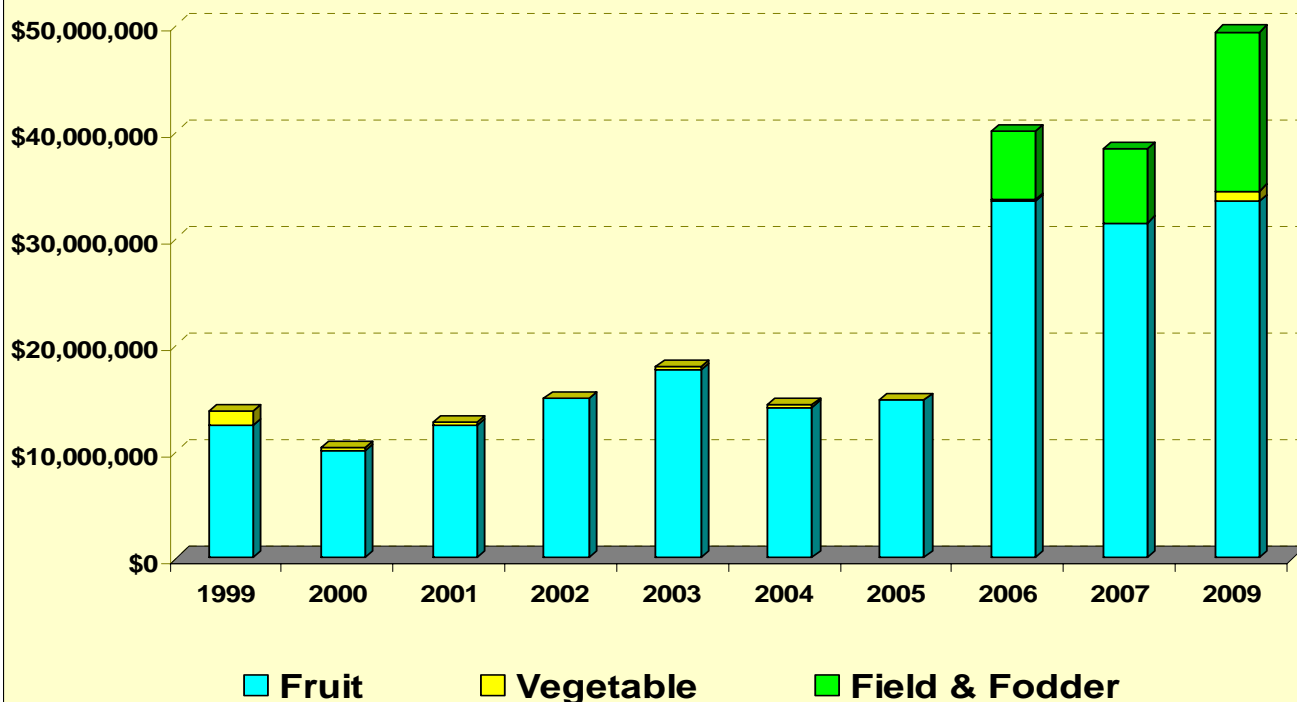


2009 Statistics for the Katherine Region

The following table shows overall plant industry production figures for the Katherine Region that includes the Mataranka area. Growth in this region has been remarkable over the last 4 years. The graph shows production comparisons for the past 10 years (note data for 2008 is unavailable).

Crop	Industry value	Tonne produced	Estimated area planted
Mangoes	\$ 18.00m	6,869	2,100 ha
Cucurbits (<i>melons & pumpkins</i>)	\$ 16.20m	20,110	438 ha
Field & Fodder Crops	\$ 11.60m	60,763	n/a
Peanuts	\$ 3.28m	4,100	n/a
Citrus	\$ 0.31m	103	n/a
TOTAL	\$ 49.3m	91,945	2,538 ha

Value of Plant Industry Production Katherine Region 1999- 2009

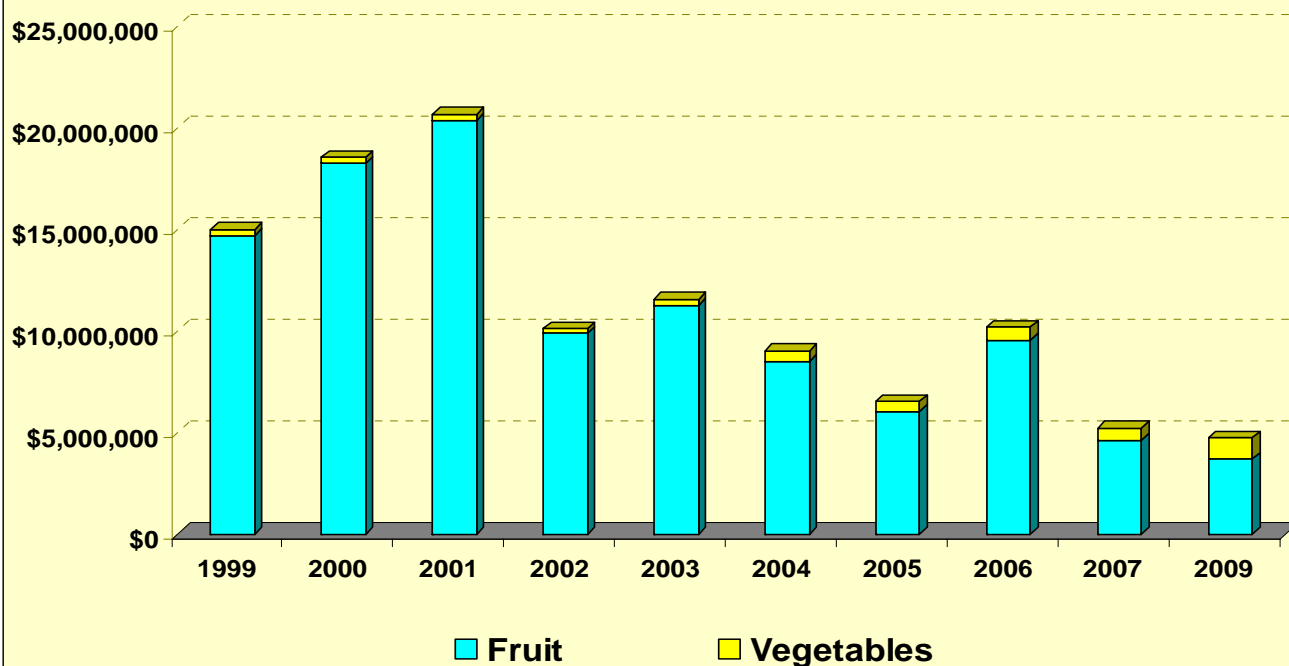


2009 Statistics for Central Australia

The following table shows overall plant industry production figures for Central Australia that includes an area from Tennant Creek to the southern border of the Northern Territory. The graph shows production comparisons for the past 10 years (note data for 2008 is unavailable).

Crop	Industry value	Tonne produced	Estimated area planted
Fruit	\$ 3.68m	1,048	244 ha
Vegetables	\$ 1.06m	106	n/a
TOTAL	\$ 4.74m	1,154	244 ha

Value of Plant Industry Production Central Australia 1999 - 2009

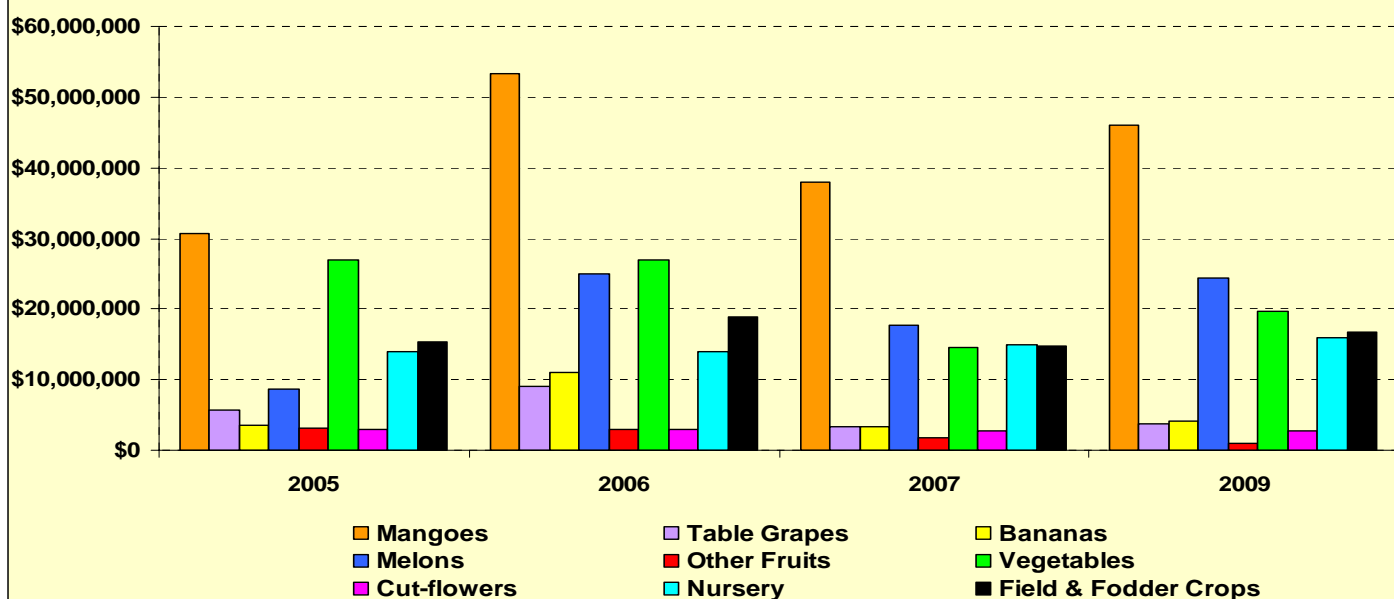


2009 Total NT Plant Industry Statistics

The following table shows the overall total of plant industry production throughout the Northern Territory. The graph shows production comparisons for the past 4 years (note data for 2008 is unavailable).

Crop	Industry value	Change in value from 2007	Tonne produced	Estimated area planted
Fruit	\$ 79.24m	+ 20%	55,755	7,122 ha
Vegetables	\$ 19.76m	+ 20%	5,915	1,352 ha
Ornamentals	\$ 18.70m	+ 10%	n/a	70 ha
Pasture, Field & Fodder Crops	\$ 16.68m	- 10%	73,223	n/a
Forestry	n/a	n/a	n/a	35,000 ha
TOTAL	\$134.38m	+ 20%	134,893	43,544 ha

Total NT Plant Industry Production 2005 to 2009



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