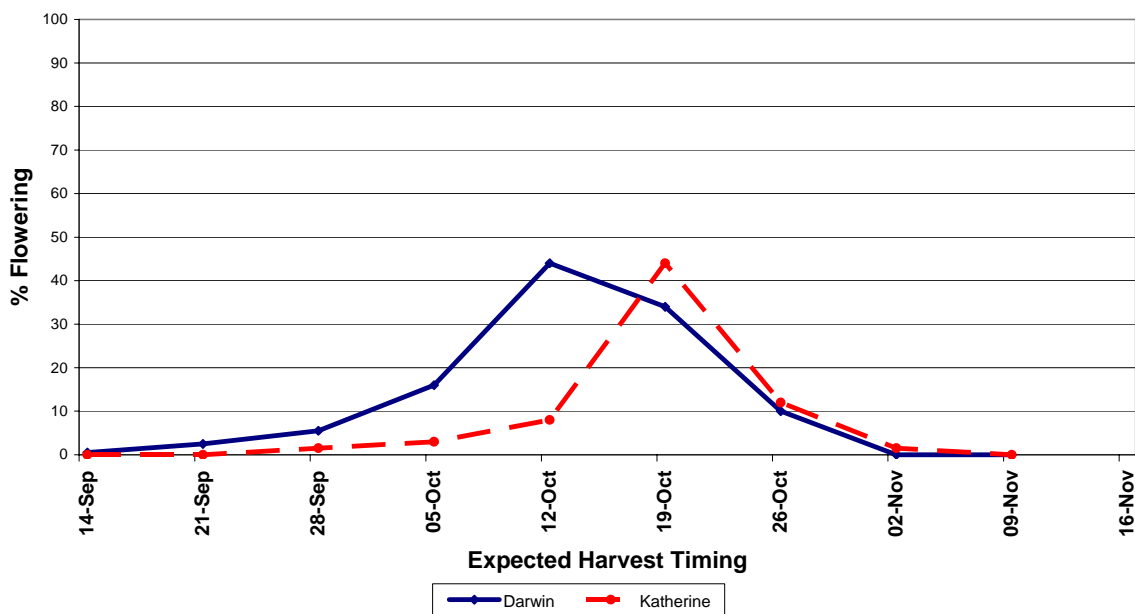


Combined NT Mango Timing Forecast – 1 August 2006

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Combined NT Mango Timing Forecast First flowering survey, 1 August 2006

Darwin Region: 85,000 trees, 18 farms
Katherine Region: 76,000 trees, 10 farms



Key Points for the NT Mango Crop Forecast, August 2006:

- Earlier start to the season than 2005.
- Shorter period with early low volumes and higher prices.
- Significant volumes last week in September from Darwin region.
- Peak in the first 2 weeks of October for the Darwin region.
- Peak in the mid 2 weeks in October 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 with long-term weather forecast of average or 60-70% chance of slightly above average temperatures (Bureau of Meteorology website – www.bom.gov.au).
- Most flowering is completed and fruit set happening.
- 2nd NT Flowering Survey is on the website.
- Leaf hopper is active in a few places, be vigilant.
- Update 18 August 2006.

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