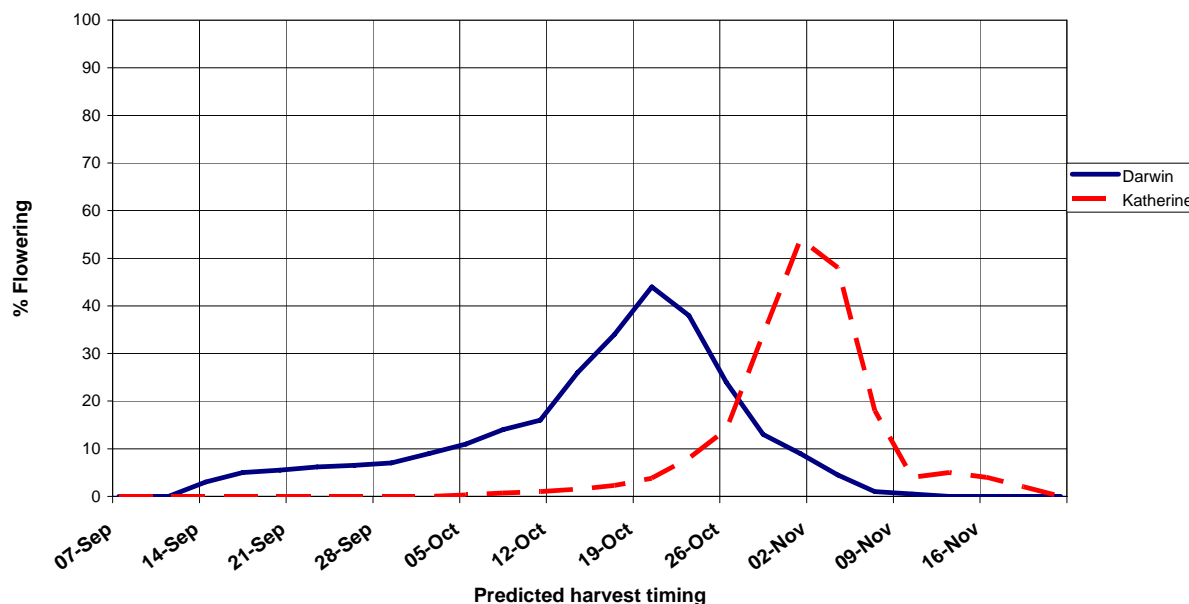


Combined NT Mango Timing Forecast – 15 September 2006

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Second flowering survey, 15 September 2006

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



Key Points for the NT Mango Crop Forecast, 15 Sept 2006:

- The fruit development continues to be slower than normal from the unseasonal cool weather.
- Significant volumes first week of October from Darwin region.
- Peak in the mid 2 weeks of October for the Darwin region.
- 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 6-8 weeks, 2-3 weeks longer than 2004.
- Shed estimates currently put the NT 2006 mango crop at between 2.0 - 2.2 million trays
- This is 0.5 million trays less than 2004.
- Ensure flesh colour or %Dry Matter is at the required maturity level before harvest.
- Leaf hopper is very active in a Darwin rural area, be vigilant.

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