

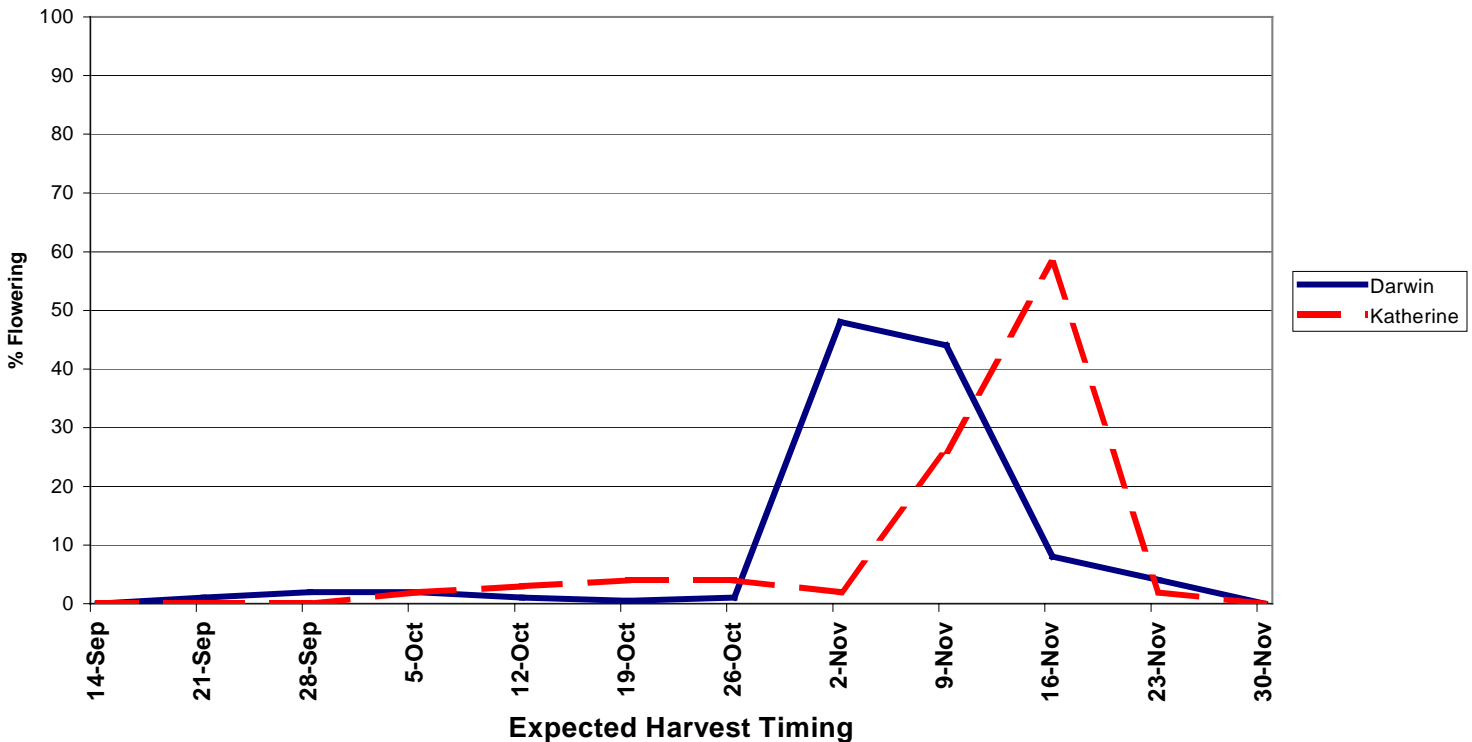


Combined NT Mango Timing Forecast

Heat sums update, 1 October 2004

Darwin Region: 103,000 trees, 49 farms

Katherine Region: 95,000 trees, 16 farms



Key Points from the first Mango Crop Forecast, 1 October 2004:

- Slow start to the season
- Low early volumes
- Season is being pushed further back by unseasonally cool August and September.
- Significant volumes late-October.
- Peak in last week of October and first week in November for the Darwin region.
- Peak in the middle 2 weeks of November for the Katherine Region.
- Later timing to 2003 but more condensed.
- Fruit set was normal, fruit drop fairly normal, with isolated severe fruit drop on some farms.
- Qld is experiencing similar weather patterns and should not impact on the NT season.
- Next update 1 November 2004.