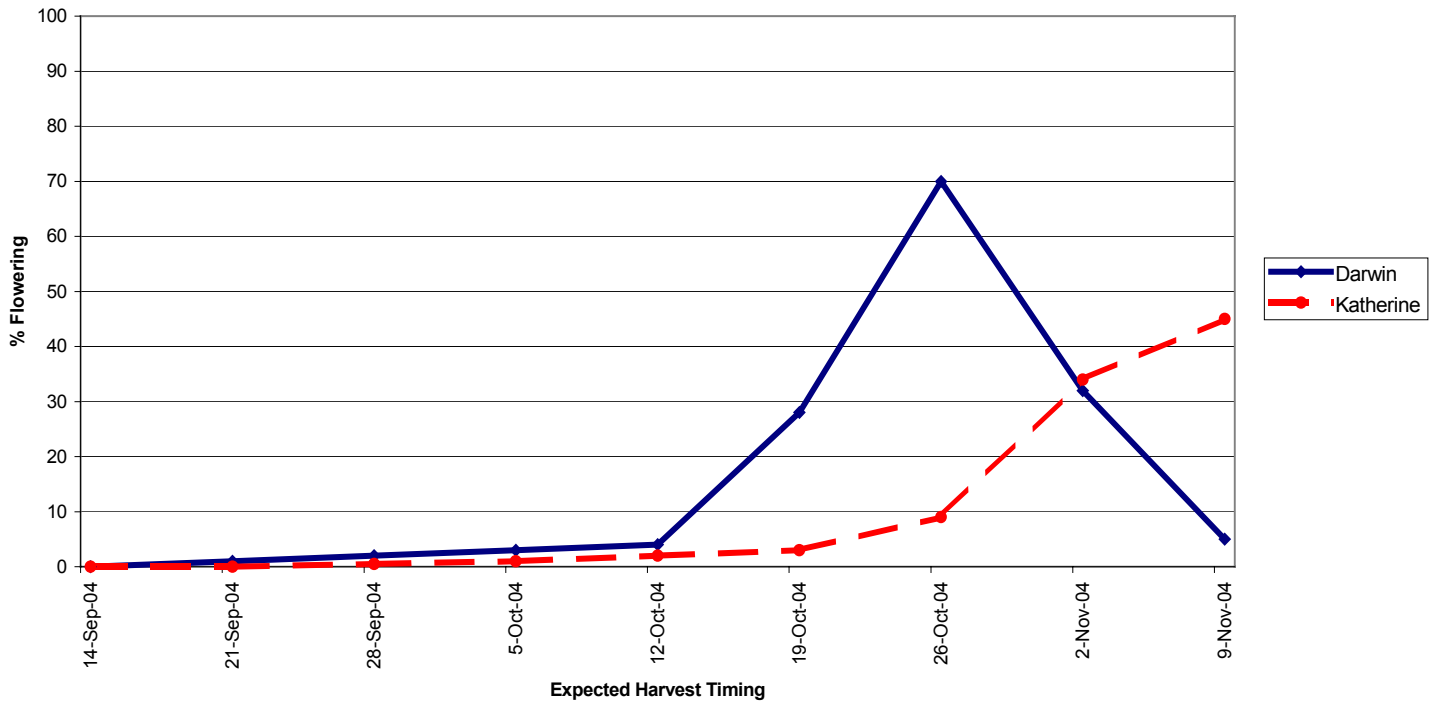




NT Mango Season Timing Forecast August 2004

from first flowering survey. Update due 1 September

Darwin Region: 60,000 trees, 37 farms
Katherine Region: 40,000 trees, 6 farms



Key Points from the first Mango Crop Forecast, August 2004

- Slow start to the season
- Low early volumes
- Significant volumes mid-October
- Peak in last 2 weeks of October for the Darwin region
- Peak in the first 2 weeks of November for the Katherine Region
- Similar timing to 2003 but more condensed
- Fruit development should proceed normally with long term weather forecast of average temperatures with some possibility of warmer nights. (BOM website)
- Fruit set happening
- More farms to return data in the second flowering survey by 21 August
- Update 1 September 2004



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