

Mona is a new tetraploid Italian ryegrass bred by DLF Seeds' Australasian breeding program to replace Jeanne. The objectives in the breeding programme and testing were to develop a cultivar with improved production in all seasons, and the ability to produce for two or more years in favourable climates. Testing has confirmed that Mona has successfully out yielded Jeanne by an outstanding 34%. An added benefit of Mona is its very late heading date. This extends the period in spring when farmers can graze or cut very leafy and high quality forage by up to one month. In many irrigated or high rainfall zones, the ability to carry the production through late in the season, be of great advantage when high quality silage and hay supplies can be stock piled. Mona's winter and early spring growth is not compromised by the late heading, which usually occurs in late flowering Italian ryegrasses.

- Very late flowering +28 days which give excellent long season production
- Replacement for Jeanne Ryegrass in 2017
- Increased yield advantage over Jeanne Ryegrass by 34%
- Winter and early spring growth is not compromised by the late heading which usually occurs in Italian Ryegrasses.
- Lateness allows for larger bulkier silage and hay cuts to build on farm feed requirements.
- Ability to produce for two or more years in favourable conditions