# Bull wheat market: How are South East Asian buyers adjusting to competitive prices

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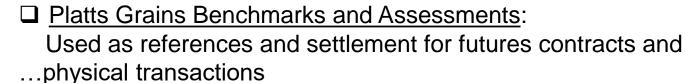
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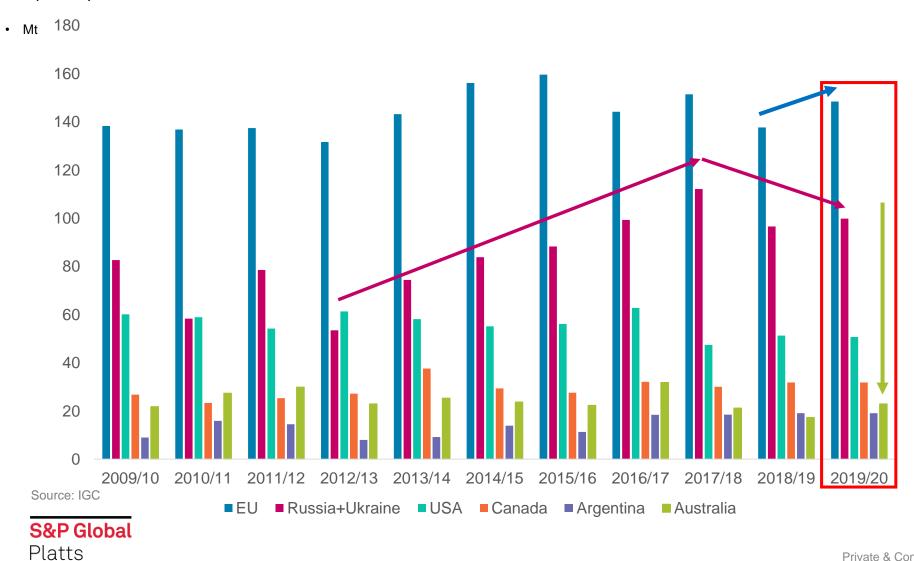
#### **SUMMARY**

- □South East Asia Market. Inelastic demand for Australian Wheat
- □Elastic demand markets
- □Competition from Black Sea and US
- □ Australian and Black Sea Wheat futures



#### **GLOBAL PRODUCTION**

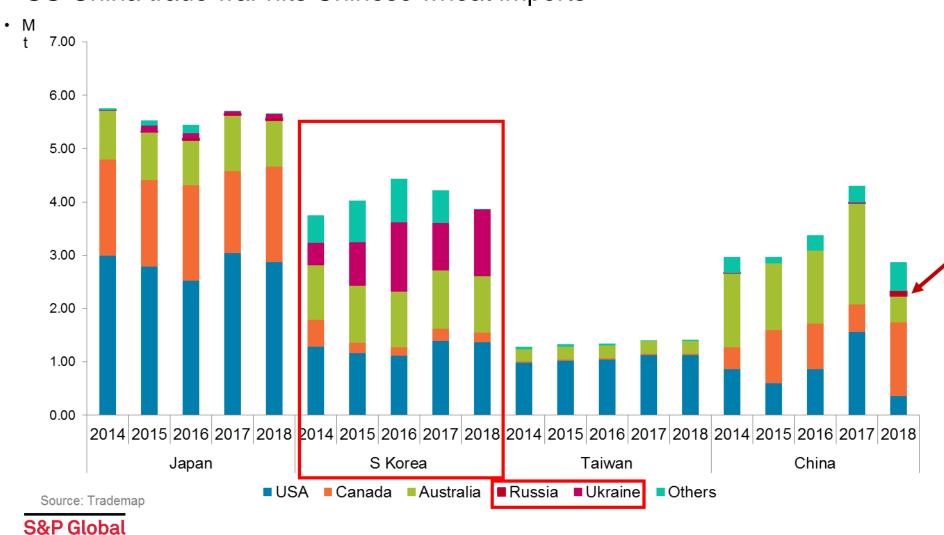
2019/20: Global wheat production forecasted at 750.8 Mt, up 1.8% y-o-y (IGC)



#### **NORTHEAST ASIAN IMPORTS**

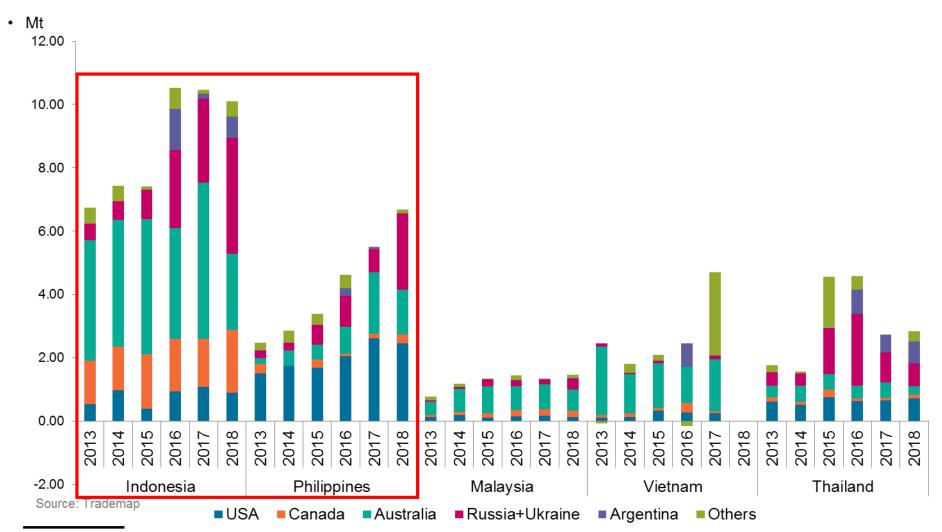
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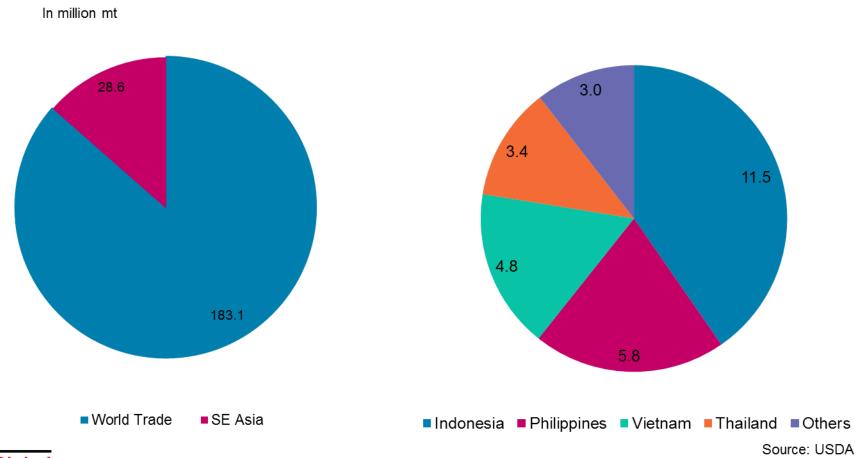
### **SOUTHEAST ASIAN IMPORTS**

Black Sea wheat continues making inroads into the region



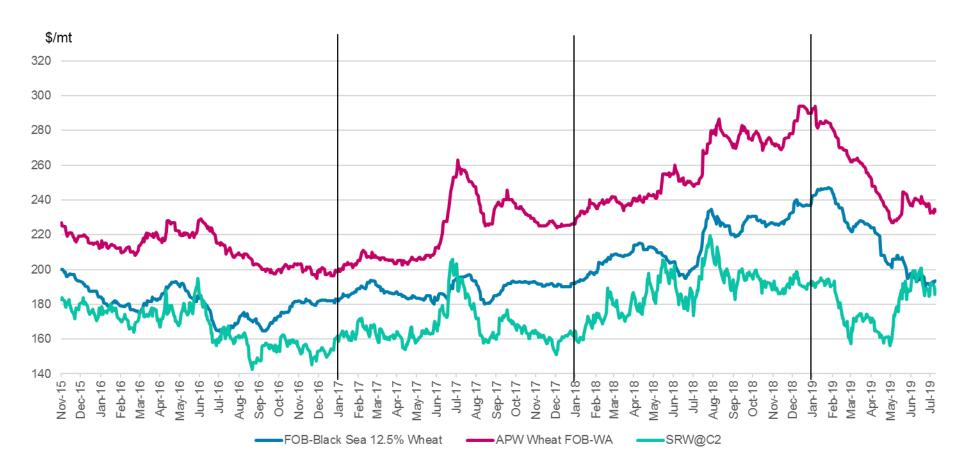
#### SOUTH EAST ASIAN WHEAT MARKET

- 28.6 million mt of imports for 2017/18 Marketing Year. 16% of Total
- Top 4 importers account for 90% of SEA demand



#### **MAJOR ORIGINS WHEAT PRICING**

- Fall from the heights of 2018 with support form US origin
- Black Sea continues downtrend, capturing all demand for Aug-Dec 2019





Source: S&P Global Platts, CME Group

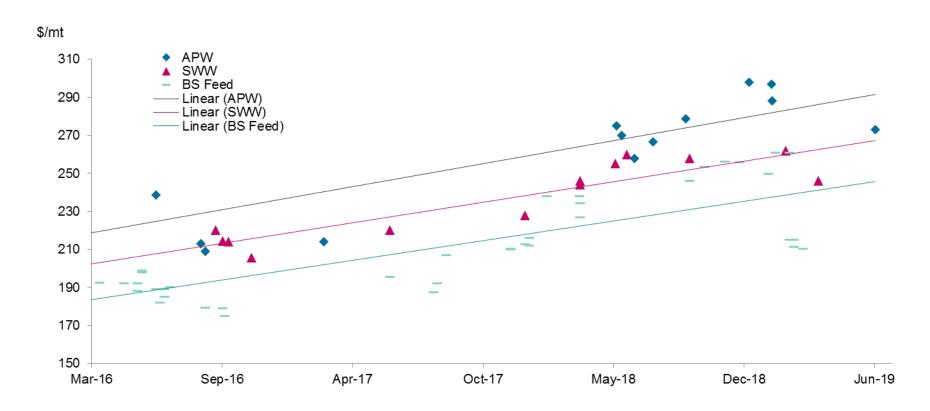
## SOUTH EAST ASIA EFFECTS ON THE DESTINATION MARKET



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#### THAILAND IMPORTS

- Average Spread APW Black Sea/EU Wheat Feed \$36/mt
- Widening from \$39/mt in 2018, to \$54/mt in 2019 (+38%)
- Similar to Vietnam, continued purchases with increased spread

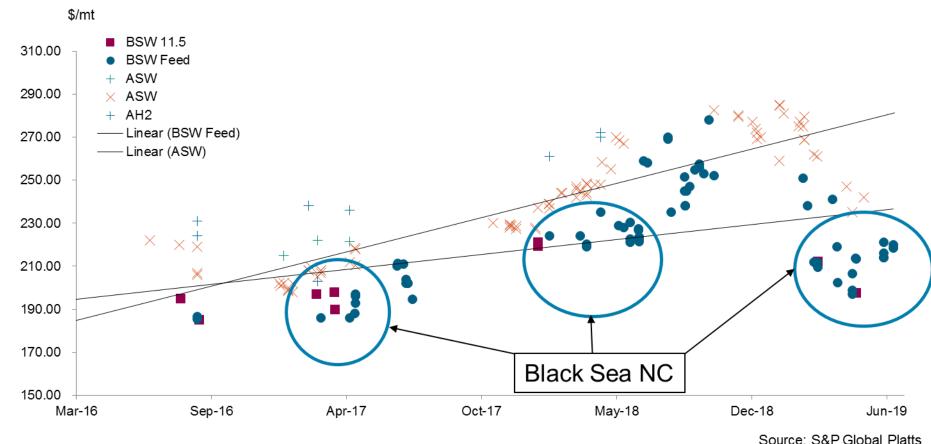




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#### PHILIPPINES IMPORTS

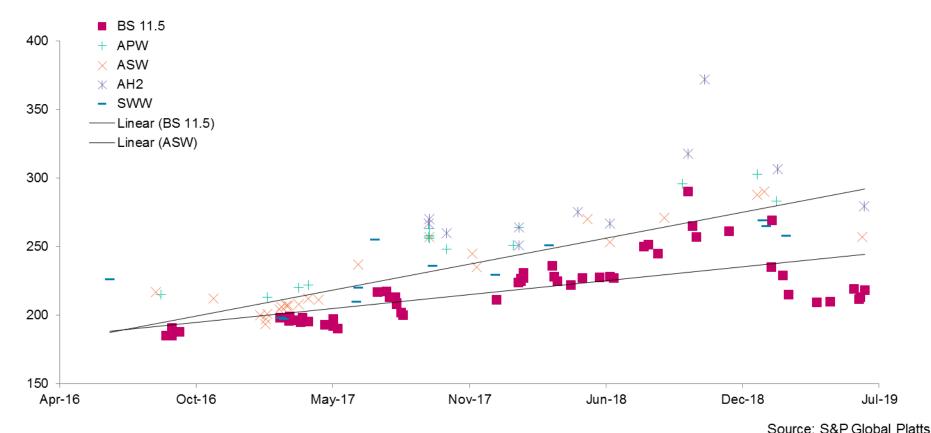
- Average spread Australian (ASW) / Black Sea Wheat (Feed) \$1/mt
- 2017: -\$3/mt, 2018: -\$2/mt, 2019: \$32/mt . Tax advantage factored in
- 2019 Black Sea New crop prices to low to compete





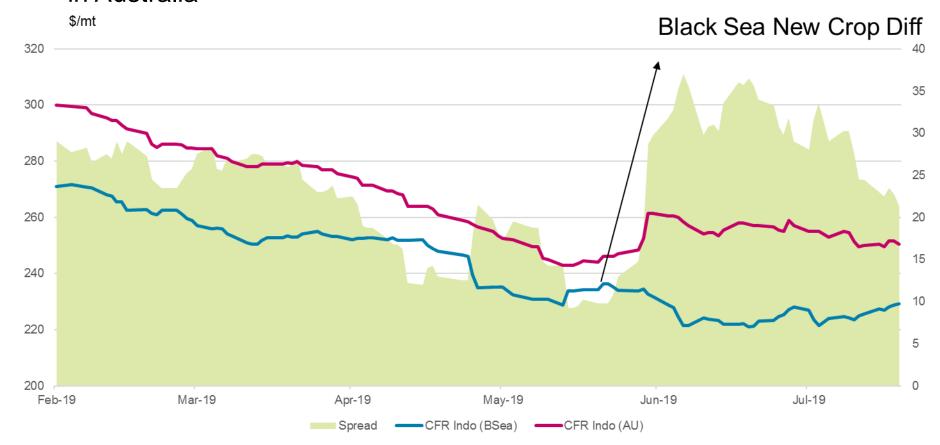
#### **INDONESIA IMPORTS**

- ASW / Black Sea 11.5 average spread widening over time
- 2017: \$12/mt; 2018: \$28/mt; 2019: \$55/mt
- Black Sea new crop 2019 prices very competitive



#### **INDONESIA IMPORTS**

- APW / Black Sea 12.5% replacement average spread in 2019 \$24/mt
- Black Sea steep new crop inverse forward curve vs Flat Forward curve in Australia

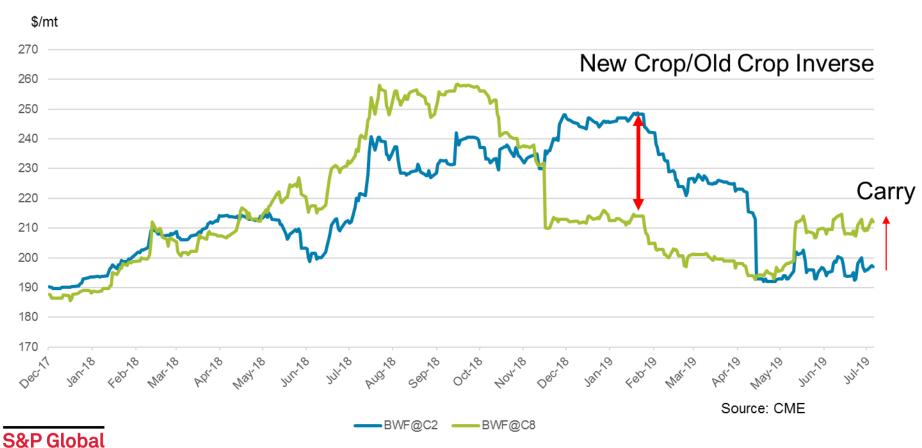




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#### **BLACK SEA WHEAT FUTURES**

- Black Sea Wheat \$35/mt spread OC/NC
- A much more consistent carry market which can give export opportunities for Australia



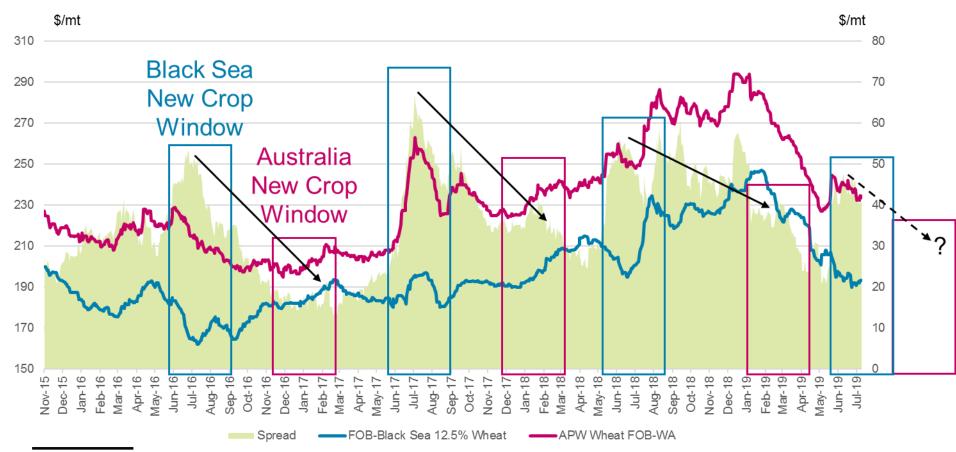
#### **AUSTRALIAN WHEAT FUTURES**

- APW flat market structure for OC and for NC shipment months
- New crop at a steep inverse which can bring demand back for cargoes shipped early 2020



## BLACK SEA WHEAT vs AUSTRALIAN SEASONALITY

- Highly seasonal price movements around harvests
- Consecutive opportunity windows





#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- > Australian Wheat prices continue to drift away from other origins
- ➤ More demand in captured by cheaper origins. Black Sea
- ➤ New crop potential to bring back some demand

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