

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

March 2022

In March 2022, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 9, 872, 555, 567.2**. In this amount, food imports contributed **P 1, 173, 829, 205** translating to 11.9 percent. Cereals accounted for 26.8 percent of food imports, followed by Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Animal or vegetable fats and oils with 13.8 percent and 8.0 percent respectively.

Among cereals, the most imported in March 2022 was grain sorghum other than seed and maize

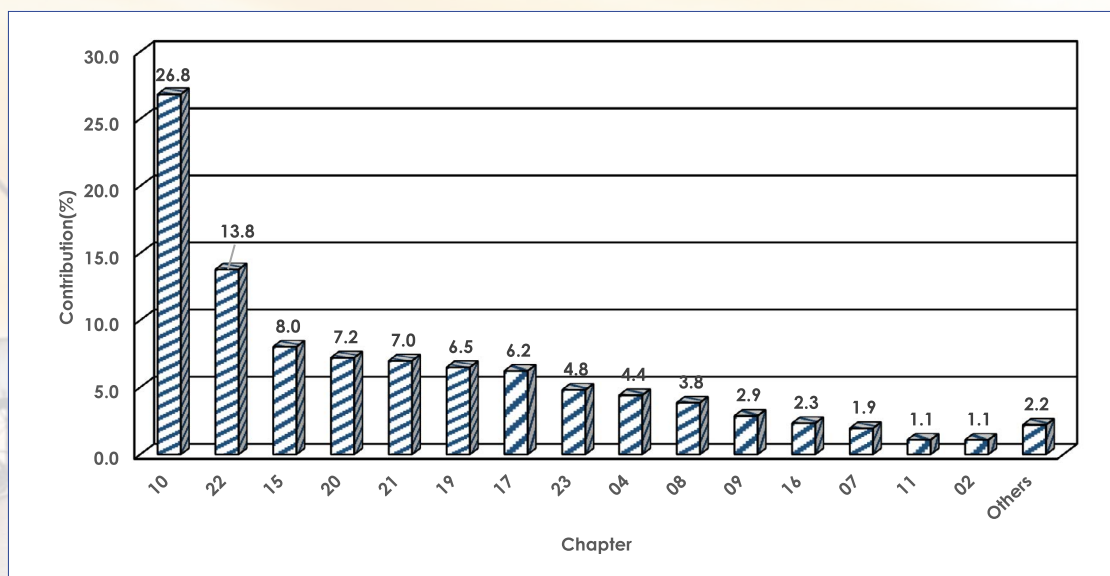
(corn) other than seed with contributions of 51.4 percent and 21.0 percent respectively.

With respect to Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, the most imported types were Non-alcoholic beverages; at 25.4 percent. Beer; made from malt and Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured, followed with contributions of 22.0 percent and 20.6 percent respectively.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – March 2022 (Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Chapter Description \ Year	BW Pula	Contribution(%)
1	10	Cereals	314,887,022.6	26.8
2	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	161,683,313.2	13.8
3	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	94,092,826.4	8.0
4	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	84,501,939.2	7.2
5	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	81,796,847.3	7.0
6	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	76,139,696.8	6.5
7	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	72,964,745.7	6.2
8	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	56,385,514.6	4.8
9	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	51,652,804.6	4.4
10	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	45,132,978.7	3.8
11	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	33,654,733.8	2.9
12	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	27,191,390.4	2.3
13	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	22,763,580.9	1.9
14	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,658,895.6	1.1
15	02	Meat and edible meat offal	12,605,453.6	1.1
Other Food Imports			25,717,4616.6	2.2
Total Food Imports			1,173,829,205.0	11.9
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –March 2022



Note: "Others" combine Chapters 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 & 18

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports –March 2022

Cereals			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
100790	Grain sorghum, other than seed	161,782,267	51.4
100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	66,019,061	21.0
100199	Wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat and seed	44,779,393	14.2
100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	38,410,691	12.2
100640	Rice, broken	2,611,781	0.8
Other	Other	1,283,830	0.4
Total		314,887,023	100.0
Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices	41,077,221	25.4
220300	Beer; made from malt	35,501,883	22.0
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	33,357,874	20.6
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)	30,804,850	19.1
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	7,168,098	4.4
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	3,059,195	1.9
220850	Gin and geneva	2,496,368	1.5
220830	Whiskies	2,083,618	1.3
220429	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 10 litres	1,538,339	1.0
Other	Other	4,595,867	2.8
Total		161,683,313	100.0

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