

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

August 2023

In August 2023, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 6,995,115,623.2**. In this amount, food imports contributed **P1, 233,702,300.4**, translating to 15.9 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar accounted for most imported food items at 26.9 percent. Cereals and Sugars and Sugar Confectionery followed with 13.4 percent and 8.8 percent respectively.

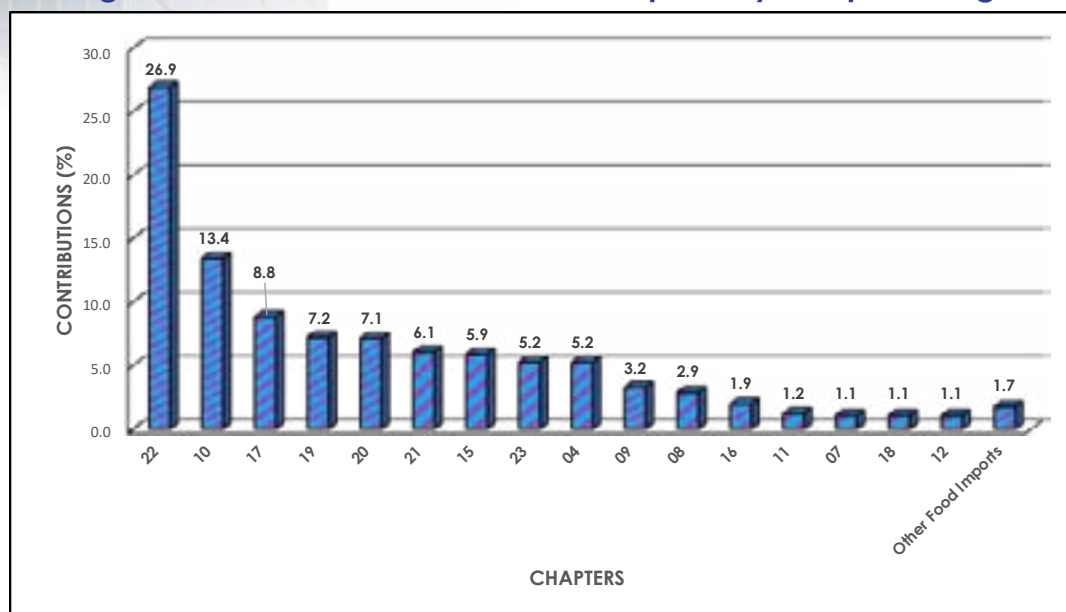
Within the Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar chapter, the most imported commodities were Mineral waters & aerated waters containing sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored and Beer made from malt with contributions of 47.0 percent and 16.7 percent respectively. Fermented beverages, mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages accounted for 15.9 percent.

Among Cereals; Dried Maize (corn) excluding seed and Other wheat & muslin accounted for 42.3 percent and 27.4 percent in that order. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice whether or not polished or glazed contributed 21.2 percent.

Table 1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) Imports – July and August 2023 (Pula)

HS (Chapters)	Chapter Description \ Period	August	% Contribution	July	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	331,696,184.5	26.9	198,009,196.1	67.5
10	Cereals	165,343,351.3	13.4	195,796,386.7	(15.6)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	108,482,372.6	8.8	88,730,323.2	22.3
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	89,047,976.6	7.2	95,197,363.6	(6.5)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	87,789,310.7	7.1	90,942,950.1	(3.5)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	74,640,164.1	6.1	71,436,909.7	4.5
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	72,466,015.7	5.9	61,857,246.3	17.2
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	64,742,279.1	5.2	51,378,197.1	26.0
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	64,540,268.2	5.2	61,807,898.4	4.4
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	39,951,206.1	3.2	43,709,875.3	(8.6)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	35,477,496.2	2.9	32,757,371.4	8.3
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	23,961,898.7	1.9	19,360,162.3	23.8
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	14,776,327.2	1.2	11,630,137.8	27.1
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	13,157,034.1	1.1	11,950,899.4	10.1
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	13,111,524.1	1.1	8,239,436.3	59.1
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	12,992,993.4	1.1	8,593,575.7	51.2
02	Meat and edible meat offal	9,614,589.3	0.8	7,608,556.5	26.4
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	8,019,898.2	0.7	2,056,715.1	289.9
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1,995,086.1	0.2	2,150,557.7	(7.2)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	1,869,071.5	0.2	1,384,233.3	35.0
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	24,304.4	0.0	19,706.3	23.3
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	2,948.5	0.0	1,597.8	84.5
	Total Food Imports	1,233,702,300.4	100.0	1,064,619,296.1	15.9
	Non Food Imports	5,761,413,322.8		6,087,244,666.7	(5.4)
	Total Imports	6,995,115,623.2		7,151,863,962.8	(2.2)

Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –August 2023



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

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports – AUGUST 2023

A. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar			
HS	Commodity Description	Value(BWP)	Contribution (%)
220210	Mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	155,848,491	47.0
220300	Beer made from malt	55,360,979	16.7
220600	Fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages	52,719,220	15.9
220299	Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices	26,427,049	8.0
220421	Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine in containers holding 2 li or less	7,621,483	2.3
220870	Other Liqueurs and cordials in containers holding 2 li or less	6,441,598	1.9
220422	Other wine in containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	5,070,999	1.5
	Others	22,206,365	6.7
	Total	331,696,184	100.0

B. Cereals			
HS	Commodity Description	Value(BWP)	Contribution(%)
100590	Dried Maize (Corn) excluding seed	69,871,674	42.3
100199	Other Wheat and muslin	45,254,587	27.4
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, polished or glazed	35,057,841	21.2
100640	Broken rice	9,741,760	5.9
	Others	5,417,489	3.3
	Total	165,343,351	100.0

Table 3: Botswana Food Imports (Excluding Live Animals) - January to August 2023 (Pula)

HS(Chapters)	Chapter Description / Period	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	167,337,368.6	381,907,166.4	382,111,037.0	374,928,618.8	160,502,684.1	185,472,095.2	198,009,196.1	331,696,184.5
10	Cereals	187,458,822.1	176,747,980.8	174,619,977.6	138,674,385.1	180,853,039.5	237,805,927.7	195,796,386.7	165,343,351.3
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	64,209,553.8	158,899,290.4	71,865,019.7	60,147,599.9	88,561,480.6	110,031,600.4	88,730,323.2	108,482,372.6
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	65,799,955.1	79,385,881.0	85,701,132.7	80,525,510.2	91,963,623.1	93,621,236.7	95,197,363.6	89,047,976.6
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	78,081,270.4	72,434,194.0	89,476,872.4	61,932,752.0	82,620,243.4	71,619,306.6	90,942,950.1	87,789,310.7
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	52,953,790.8	73,291,037.4	71,509,861.7	66,601,740.4	71,999,045.5	79,516,776.5	71,436,909.7	74,640,164.1
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	31,708,980.1	40,771,358.4	48,391,400.4	47,397,942.1	67,884,225.1	64,645,179.5	61,857,246.3	72,466,015.7
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	47,544,506.7	47,376,518.8	64,051,213.8	45,419,354.6	53,786,735.1	66,844,509.8	51,378,197.1	64,742,279.1
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	49,762,342.9	51,945,592.1	53,259,612.2	56,345,817.3	55,022,646.6	57,981,026.1	61,807,898.4	64,540,268.2
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	17,286,848.9	31,003,442.5	34,869,076.0	33,730,356.5	29,960,837.8	43,851,361.6	43,709,875.3	39,951,206.1
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	41,506,350.8	39,331,156.1	44,244,168.8	33,307,557.4	28,514,909.1	33,256,757.1	32,757,371.4	35,477,496.2
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	32,751,657.3	23,548,905.6	17,915,706.6	16,245,299.4	15,894,739.1	16,528,666.7	19,360,162.3	23,961,898.7
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,472,565.5	12,083,217.2	12,664,114.5	13,904,959.8	10,646,976.2	12,516,875.4	11,630,137.8	14,776,327.2
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11,700,851.6	13,838,270.2	19,625,749.9	16,954,457.8	21,531,306.9	19,486,657.1	11,950,899.4	13,157,034.1
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	4,460,342.9	11,565,517.8	11,325,729.2	11,490,390.8	10,437,447.0	11,085,467.2	8,239,436.3	13,111,524.1
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	14,818,993.7	8,901,051.8	8,880,520.6	6,659,361.3	6,840,118.6	10,507,613.4	8,593,575.7	12,992,993.4
02	Meat and edible meat offal	9,791,544.9	10,194,902.1	7,672,710.1	9,954,321.9	10,923,299.9	12,393,302.0	7,608,556.5	9,614,589.3
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	3,701,219.8	3,454,344.3	4,377,866.5	6,567,309.2	4,104,616.2	2,389,227.9	2,056,715.1	8,019,898.2
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1,787,164.9	2,832,331.7	2,689,286.5	2,258,188.0	2,378,486.3	1,874,756.2	2,150,557.7	1,995,086.1
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	161,277.3	1,282,989.9	2,128,393.8	588,446.7	2,545,341.9	579,043.0	1,384,233.3	1,869,071.5
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	13,329.6	12,645.8	40,269.7	2,040.5	15,959.2	55,562.0	19,706.3	24,304.4
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	4,177.3	202,047.9	3,196.2	9,307.8	8,802.6	4,046.0	1,597.8	2,948.5
	Total Food Imports	895,312,914.8	1,241,009,842.0	1,207,422,915.8	1,083,645,717.2	996,996,563.8	1,132,066,993.9	1,064,619,296.1	1,233,702,300.4
	Non Food Imports	5,134,998,868.3	5,722,762,985.3	6,029,669,672.7	5,131,318,981.2	5,820,659,248.4	5,812,439,965.6	6,087,244,666.7	5,761,413,322.8
	Total Imports	6,030,311,783.1	6,963,772,827.4	7,237,092,588.5	6,214,964,698.4	6,817,655,812.2	6,944,506,959.5	7,151,863,962.8	6,995,115,623.2

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