

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

February 2023

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 6,844,380,472.2** during the month of February 2023. In this amount, food imports contributed **P1, 226,616,044.6**, representing 17.9 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Cereals accounted for 31.1 percent and 14.4 percent of food imports respectively. Sugars & sugar confectionery followed with 12.0 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar; the most imported commodity were Waters; including mineral & aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored, accounting for 57.9 percent. Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, Perry, mead, sake) followed with a contribution of 14.8 percent, while Beer; made from malt made a contribution of 12.1 percent.

Among Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed and wheat & muslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed accounted for 46.1 percent and 37.1 percent each to the cereal chapter.

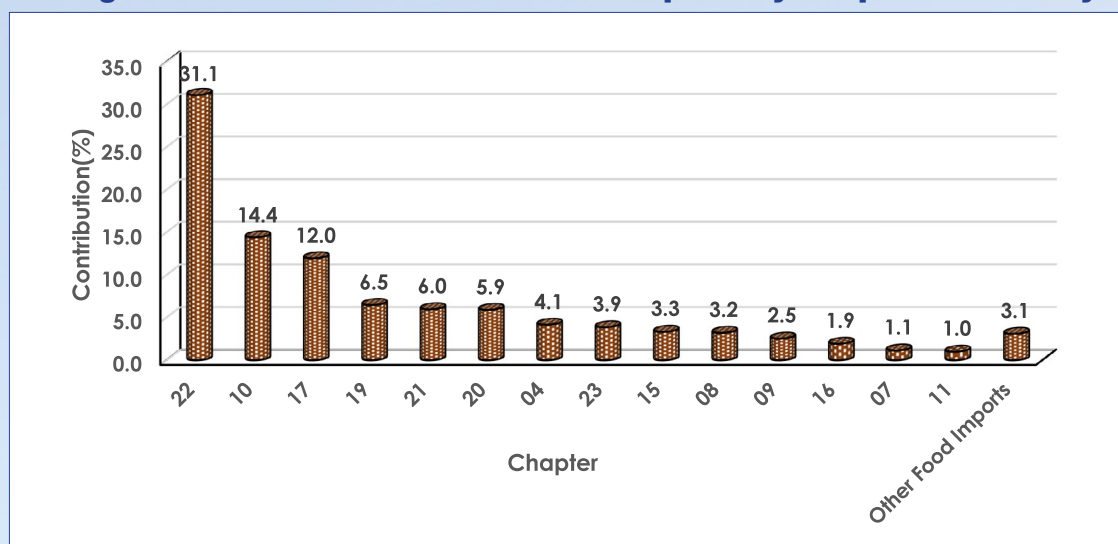
Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) Imports – February 2023 (Pula)

Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula Value	%
1	22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	381,611,960.4	31.1
2	10	Cereals	176,746,748.7	14.4
3	17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	146,600,572.4	12.0
4	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	79,376,799.2	6.5
5	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	73,266,417.6	6.0
6	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	72,421,063.9	5.9
7	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	50,863,615.6	4.1
8	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	47,357,465.8	3.9
9	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	40,767,979.9	3.3
10	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	39,331,156.1	3.2
11	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	30,987,883.9	2.5
12	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	23,548,905.6	1.9
13	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	13,836,188.1	1.1
14	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,083,217.2	1.0
		Other Food Imports	37,816,070.0	3.1
		Total Food Imports	1,226,616,044.6	100.0
		Total Imports	6,844,380,472.2	

Note: "Others" combine Chapters 02, 03, 05, 06, 12, 13, 14 & 18



Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – February 2023



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

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS	Description	BW Pula Value	%
220210	Waters; including mineral & aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	220,823,782.7	57.9
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, Perry, mead, sake)	56,469,309.7	14.8
220300	Beer; made from malt	46,049,145.9	12.1
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices	34,643,252.7	9.1
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	6,852,565.3	1.8
	Other	16,773,904.0	4.4
	Total	381,611,960.5	100.0

b) Cereals			
HS	Description	BW Pula Value	%
100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	81,494,453.7	46.1
100199	Wheat & muslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	65,607,622.2	37.1
100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	18,358,510.5	10.4
100640	Rice, broken	5,577,503.6	3.2
100790	Grain sorghum, other than seed	5,399,149.7	3.1
	Other	309,509.0	0.2
	Total	176,746,748.7	100.0