

Botswana Food Imports

May 2023

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 6,623,013,500.4** during the month of May 2023. In this amount, food imports contributed **P 991,316,047.1** representing 15.0 percent. Cereals and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar accounted for 18.2 percent and 16.0 percent of food imports respectively. Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products followed with 9.3 percent.

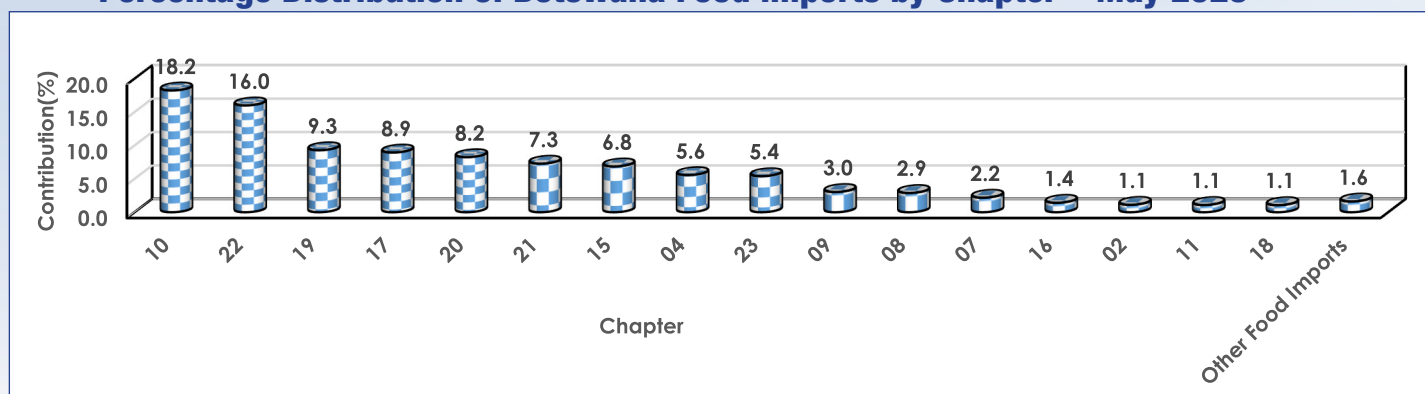
Within the Cereals chapter; Maize (corn) excluding Seed and Other Wheat and muslin accounted for 40.6 percent and 35.8 percent in that order to the cereal chapter. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice whether or not polished or glazed Rice contributed 16.4 percent.

Among the Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar chapter, the most imported commodities were Beer made from malt and Waters including mineral waters and aerated waters containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured from malt, with contributions of 33.0 percent and 17.4 percent respectively. Other fermented beverages (for example cider perry) contributed 16.6 percent.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – April and May 2023 (Pula)

HS	Description	May	% contribution	April	% Change
10	Cereals	180,692,042.8	18.2	138,579,132.4	30.4
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	158,464,217.1	16.0	374,928,618.8	(57.7)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	91,963,473.1	9.3	80,525,510.2	14.2
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	88,561,480.6	8.9	60,147,599.9	47.2
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	81,645,692.4	8.2	61,932,752.0	31.8
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	71,999,009.5	7.3	66,601,740.4	8.1
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared	67,884,225.1	6.8	47,397,942.1	43.2
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal or	55,022,646.6	5.6	56,345,817.3	(2.3)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	53,417,366.1	5.4	45,202,771.6	18.2
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	29,948,006.8	3.0	33,730,356.5	(11.2)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	28,444,587.1	2.9	33,307,557.4	(14.6)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	21,462,871.9	2.2	16,954,457.8	26.6
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates; pre	13,935,450.1	1.4	16,245,299.4	(14.2)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	10,923,299.9	1.1	9,954,321.9	9.7
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	10,646,976.2	1.1	13,904,959.8	(23.4)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	10,437,447.0	1.1	11,490,390.8	(9.2)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit,	6,837,542.6	0.7	6,642,832.1	2.9
03	Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates	4,104,604.2	0.4	6,567,309.2	(37.5)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	2,545,341.9	0.3	588,446.7	332.6
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers an	2,355,004.3	0.2	2,258,188.0	4.3
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	15,959.2	0.0	2,040.5	682.1
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified	8,802.6	0.0	9,307.8	(5.4)
Total Food Imports		991,316,047.1	100.0	1,083,317,352.4	(8.5)
Non-Food Imports		5,631,697,453.3		5,120,938,344.9	10.0
Total Imports		6,623,013,500.4		6,204,255,697.3	6.7

Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – May 2023



Note: *Others* combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 12, 13 & 14

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

a) Cereals			
HS	Description	BW Pula Value	%
100590	Other: Maize (corn) excluding Seed	73,282,034.1	40.6
100199	Other Wheat and muslin	64,692,180.5	35.8
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice whether or not polished or glazed	29,671,229.2	16.4
100640	Broken rice	12,656,119.0	7.0
	Other	390,480.0	0.2
	Total	180,692,042.8	100.0

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS	Description	BW Pula Value	%
220300	Beer made from malt:	52,327,100.5	33.0
220210	Waters including mineral waters and aerated waters containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	27,494,582.8	17.4
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example cider perry)	26,272,590.5	16.6
220299	Other Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters	16,799,953.9	10.6
220421	Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must in containers holding 2 li or less;: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	8,293,474.2	5.2
220830	Whiskies:	6,510,123.1	4.1
220850	Gin and Geneva:	5,089,525.5	3.2
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;: In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	3,981,729.7	2.5
220422	Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must in containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	3,157,847.3	2.0
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	2,533,930.7	1.6
220429	Other;: Unfortified wine;: Fortified wine:	1,898,306.1	1.2
	Other	4,105,052.7	2.6
	Total	158,464,217.1	100.0

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

HS	Description\ Period	January	February	March	April	May
10	Cereals	187,322,099.0	176,747,980.8	174,619,977.6	138,579,132.4	180,692,042.8
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	167,337,368.6	381,907,166.4	382,111,037.6	374,928,618.8	158,464,217.1
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	65,799,955.1	79,385,881.0	85,701,132.7	80,525,510.2	91,963,473.1
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	62,675,283.7	156,926,494.7	71,865,019.7	60,147,599.9	88,561,480.6
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	81,645,692.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	52,953,790.8	73,291,037.4	71,509,861.4	66,601,740.4	71,999,009.5
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared	31,708,980.1	40,771,358.4	48,408,562.1	47,397,942.1	67,884,225.1
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal or	49,762,342.9	51,945,592.1	53,259,612.2	56,345,817.3	55,022,646.6
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	47,544,506.7	47,376,518.8	64,051,213.8	45,202,771.6	53,417,366.1
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	17,286,848.9	31,003,442.5	34,869,074.2	33,730,356.5	29,948,006.8
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	28,444,587.1
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11,700,851.6	13,838,270.2	19,625,749.9	16,954,457.8	21,462,871.9
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates; pre	32,751,657.3	23,548,905.6	17,915,706.6	16,245,299.4	13,935,450.1
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
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
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
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit,	14,818,993.7	8,901,051.8	8,870,591.8	6,642,832.1	6,837,542.6
03	Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates	3,701,219.8	3,454,344.3	4,377,866.5	6,567,309.2	4,104,604.2
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
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers an	1,787,164.9	2,832,331.7	2,689,286.5	2,258,188.0	2,355,004.3
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
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified	4,177.3	202,047.9	3,196.2	9,307.8	8,802.6
Total Food Imports		893,641,921.7	1,239,037,046.4	1,207,430,147.3	1,083,317,352.4	991,316,047.1
Non-Food Imports		5,134,879,351.1	5,722,428,982.1	6,014,251,124.7	5,120,938,344.9	5,631,697,453.3
Total Imports		6,028,521,272.8	6,961,466,028.5	7,221,681,272.0	6,204,255,697.3	6,623,013,500.4