

# BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

## JANUARY 2021



The total value of food imports in January 2021 stood at **P 782,177,619**, representing 10.9 percent of the total imports, with "Sugar & Sugar Confectionery" accounting for 18.7 percent, followed by "Cereals" at 15.3 percent.

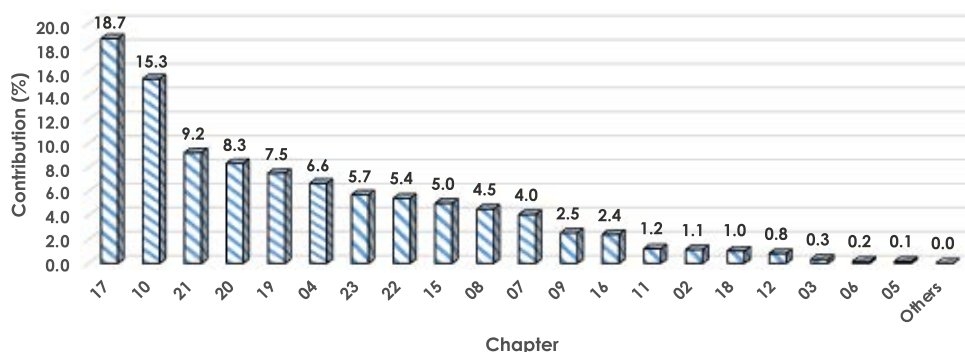
"Cane sugar not containing added flavouring" and "Other Cane sugar" and "Beet sugar" made contributions of 55.0 percent, 16.9 percent and 14.8 percent respectively to this group.

"Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed not packaged as seeds"; "wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat other than seed and rice" and "semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed" made contributions of 49.3 percent, 19.9 percent and 19.4 percent, in that order, to Cereal imports.

**Table 1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports - January 2021 (Pula)**

Chapter	Chapter Description \ Year	BW Pula	Contribution(%)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	146,311,091	18.7
10	Cereals	120,045,683	15.3
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	72,043,377	9.2
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	65,009,433	8.3
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	58,641,867	7.5
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	51,938,135	6.6
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	44,534,083	5.7
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	42,265,067	5.4
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	39,012,157	5.0
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	35,221,699	4.5
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	31,607,977	4.0
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	19,670,643	2.5
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	18,691,321	2.4
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	9,425,100	1.2
02	Meat and edible meat offal	8,772,736	1.1
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	7,919,361	1.0
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	6,252,220	0.8
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	2,511,667	0.3
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1,175,089	0.2
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	1,121,996	0.1
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	4,950	0.0
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	1,967	0.0
<b>Total Food Imports</b>		<b>782,177,619</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>		<b>7,203,904,546</b>	<b>10.9</b>

Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter - January 2021



Note: "Others" combine Chapters 13 & 14

**Table 2: Breakdown of the top three food Imports - January 2021**  
Sugars and Sugar Confectionery

HS	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
170113	Cane sugar not containing added flavouring	80,436,578	55.0
170114	Other cane sugar	24,678,710	16.9
170112	Beet sugar	21,621,822	14.8
170490	Other Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	12,436,324	8.5
170410	Chewing gum, whether or not sugar-coated	3,659,265	2.5
170230	Glucose and glucose syrup, not containing fructose or containing in the dry state less than 20 per cent by mass of fructose	1,527,829	1.0
<b>Other Sugars</b>		<b>1,950,564</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>146,311,091</b>	<b>100.0</b>

#### Cereals

HS	HS Description \ Year	BW Pula	Contribution (%)
100590	Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed and not packaged as seeds (excluding pop corn (ZEA MAYS EVERTA))	59,241,880	49.3
100199	Wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	23,924,369	19.9
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	23,281,615	19.4
100510	Maize (Corn) Seed	6,512,112	5.4
100610	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	4,050,552	3.4
100640	Broken rice	1,461,954	1.2
<b>Other Cereals</b>		<b>1,573,201</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Total Cereals</b>		<b>120,045,683</b>	<b>100.0</b>

#### Miscellaneous edible preparations

HS	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
210390	Sauces and preparations thereof; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings	27,622,322	38.3
210690	Food preparations; not elsewhere classified	19,632,722	27.3
210320	Sauces; tomato ketchup and other tomato sauces	12,151,731	16.9
210500	Ice cream and other edible ice; whether or not containing cocoa	5,647,572	7.8
210210	Yeasts; active	2,443,157	3.4
210410	Soups and broths and preparations thereof	1,726,297	2.4
210230	Baking powders; prepared	1,413,016	2.0
<b>Other edible preparations</b>		<b>1,406,560</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>72,043,377</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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