

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

February 2022

As at February 2022, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 8, 270, 089, 856.1**. In this amount, food imports contributed **P 860, 997, 431.8** translating to 10.4 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar accounted for 18.9 percent of food imports, followed by Cereals and Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products with 18.0 percent and 8.8 percent respectively.

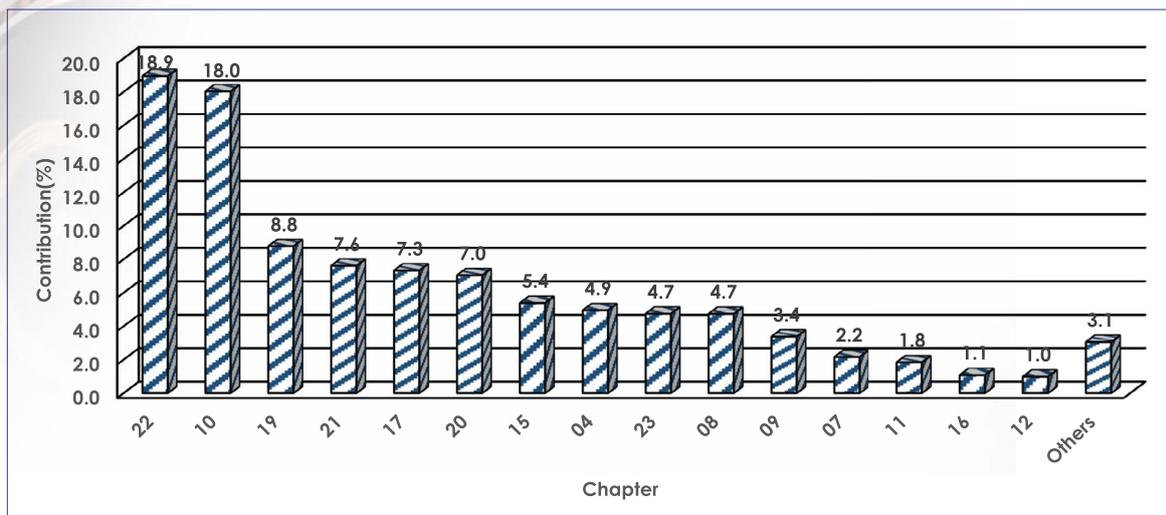
Fermented Beverages (e.g. cider, Perry, mead, sake) and Beer made from malt were the most imported among Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, during February 2022, accounting for 33.1 percent and 20.9 percent respectively. Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored followed with 17.1 percent.

With regard to Cereals, the most imported types were maize (corn), other than seed accounting for 33.9 percent. Wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat or seed, and Grain sorghum, other than seed, followed with contributions of 30.8 percent and 19.5 percent respectively.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports - February 2022 (Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Chapter Description \ Year	BW Pula	Contribution(%)
1	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	163,118,064.9	18.9
2	10	Cereals	155,241,500.2	18.0
3	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	75,556,852.3	8.8
4	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	65,506,616.9	7.6
5	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	63,091,344.7	7.3
6	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	60,591,299.5	7.0
7	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared	46,339,483.7	5.4
8	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal or	42,595,626.6	4.9
9	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	40,845,948.6	4.7
10	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	40,773,987.8	4.7
11	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	29,044,598.3	3.4
12	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	18,567,933.0	2.2
13	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	15,777,702.1	1.8
14	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates; pre	9,245,420.7	1.1
15	12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit,	8,427,426.5	1.0
Other Food Imports			26,273,626.0	3.1
Total Food Imports			860,997,431.8	10.4
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –February 2022



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

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

Beverages, spirits and vinegar			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)	53,985,673.3	33.1
220300	Beer; made from malt	34,138,675.0	20.9
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	27,969,329.8	17.1
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit and vegetable juices	18,499,172.4	11.3
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	9,639,969.2	5.9
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	4,486,136.0	2.8
220422	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 2 litres but not more than 10 litres	3,406,720.3	2.1
220830	Whiskies	2,971,006.9	1.8
220429	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 10 litres	1,428,990.5	0.9
220850	Gin and geneva	1,389,079.0	0.9
220890	Spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	1,367,065.9	0.8
Other	Other	3,836,246.6	2.4
Total		163,118,064.9	100.0
Cereals			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
100590	Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed	52,585,476.7	33.9
100199	Cereals; wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	47,759,230.2	30.8
100790	Cereals; grain sorghum, other than seed	30,282,422.1	19.5
100630	Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	23,310,798.0	15.0
Other	Other	1,303,573.2	0.8
Total		155,241,500.2	100.0