

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

May 2022

In May 2022, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P8, 380, 874, 594**. In this amount, food imports contributed **P871, 386, 363** translating to 10.4 percent. Cereals and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar accounted for 19.7 percent and 16.1 percent of food imports, respectively. Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included, followed with 8.2 percent each.

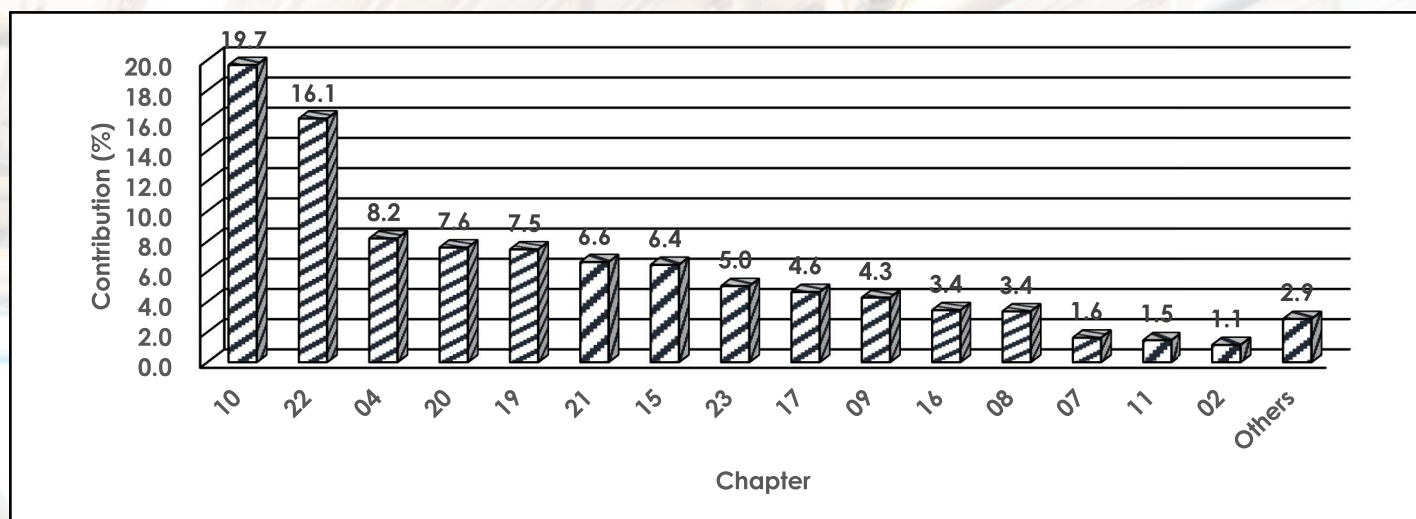
Among Cereals the most imported types were wheat & meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed accounting for 47.4 percent. Maize (corn), other than seed and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed, followed with a contributions of 32.3 percent and 15.3 percent respectively.

Regarding Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, the most imported in May 2022 were Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake), accounting for 33.7 percent. Beer; made from malt and Waters; including mineral & aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter followed with 19.8 percent and 16.4 percent, respectively.

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

Rank	Chapter	Chapter Description \ Year	BW Pula	Contribution(%)
1	10	Cereals	171,441,921	19.7
2	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	140,542,720	16.1
3	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	71,390,364	8.2
4	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	66,179,449	7.6
5	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	65,084,940	7.5
6	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	57,761,063	6.6
7	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	56,171,286	6.4
8	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	43,903,640	5.0
9	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	40,518,873	4.6
10	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	37,296,636	4.3
11	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	30,036,793	3.4
12	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	29,322,385	3.4
13	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	14,149,990	1.6
14	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,699,265	1.5
15	02	Meat and edible meat offal	9,966,560	1.1
Other Food Imports			24,920,479	2.9
Total Food Imports			871,386,363	100.0
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –May 2022



Note: " Others" combine Chapters 3, 5,6,12, 13, 14 & 18

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

HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
Cereals			
100199	Wheat & meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	81,314,551	47.4
100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	55,409,390	32.3
100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	26,206,183	15.3
100790	Grain sorghum, other than seed	6,738,962	3.9
Others	Others	1,772,836	1.0
Total		171,441,921	100.0
Beverages, spirits and vinegar			
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)	47,382,938	33.7
220300	Beer; made from malt	27,823,174	19.8
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	23,025,056	16.4
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices	16,727,400	11.9
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	6,449,051	4.6
220830	Whiskies	4,374,914	3.1
220429	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 10 litres	3,093,665	2.2
220422	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 2 litres but not more than 10 litres	3,061,559	2.2
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	2,720,747	1.9
220850	Gin and Geneva	1,880,395	1.3
Others	Others	4,003,822	2.8
Total		140,542,720	100.0