

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

April 2022

In April 2022, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 6, 706, 328, 776**. In this amount, food imports contributed P **871,528,864** translating to 13.0 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Cereals accounted for 19.4 percent and 16.9 percent of food imports, respectively. Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products and miscellaneous edible preparations followed with 8.0 percent each.

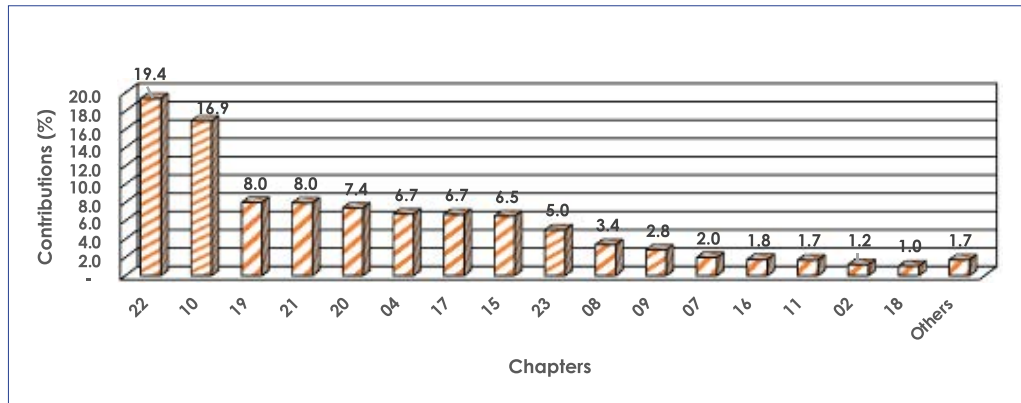
Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored and Beer; made from malt were the most imported among Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar in April 2022 at 29.0 percent and 19.9 percent respectively. Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake) followed with 18.2 percent.

Regarding Cereals, the most imported types were maize (corn), other than seed accounting for 36.8 percent. Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed and wheat & muslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed, followed with a contributions of 35.5 percent and 17.3 percent respectively.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – April 2022 (Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Chapter Description \ Year	BW Pula	Contribution(%)
1	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	168,712,465	19.4
2	10	Cereals	147,119,398	16.9
3	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	69,656,239	8.0
4	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	69,323,297	8.0
5	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	64,582,078	7.4
6	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	58,587,901	6.7
7	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	58,226,079	6.7
8	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	56,546,294	6.5
9	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	43,457,811	5.0
10	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	29,361,722	3.4
11	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	24,482,118	2.8
12	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	17,158,813	2.0
13	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	15,265,497	1.8
14	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	14,685,998	1.7
15	02	Meat and edible meat offal	10,414,056	1.2
16	18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	9,003,369	1.0
Other Food Imports			14,945,728	1.7
Total Food Imports			871,528,864	100.0
Total Imports			6,706,328,776	13.0

Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –April 2022



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

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

Beverages, spirits and vinegar

HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	48,905,362	29.0
220300	Beer; made from malt	33,519,254	19.9
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)	30,757,812	18.2
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, n.e.c. in item no. 2202.10, not including fruit	26,646,248	15.8
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	8,510,160	5.0
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	4,825,033	2.9
220830	Whiskies	4,278,170	2.5
220429	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 10 litres	3,578,074	2.1
220422	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 2 litres but not more than 10 litres	2,923,061	1.7
Others	Others	4,769,292	2.8
Total		168,712,465	100.0

Cereals

HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	54,094,900	36.8
100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	52,282,596	35.5
100199	Wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	25,425,494	17.3
100790	Grain sorghum, other than seed	9,735,533	6.6
100640	Rice, broken	3,082,574	2.1
100610	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	1,658,755	1.1
Others	Others	839,546	0.6
Total		147,119,398	100.0

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