

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

December 2022

Botswana received imports valued at **P 7, 855, 618, 020.2** during the month of December 2022. In this amount, food imports contributed **P 981, 386, 662.4**, representing 12.5 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar accounted for 20.2 percent of food imports. Cereals and Miscellaneous edible preparations followed with 18.3 percent and 8.5 percent respectively.

Among Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, the most imported commodity were Beer made from malt accounting for 29.4 percent. Beverages, fermented; followed with a contribution of 22.6 percent, while Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices, followed with a contribution of 20.7 percent. Contributions made by other commodities of this chapter are presented in **Table 2 (a)**.

Regarding Cereals, maize (corn), other than seed and wheat & muesli, other than durum wheat, other than seed, accounted for 41.4 and 19.2 percent to the Cereals chapter respectively, refer to **Table 2 (b)**

Table 1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) Imports – December 2022 (Pula)

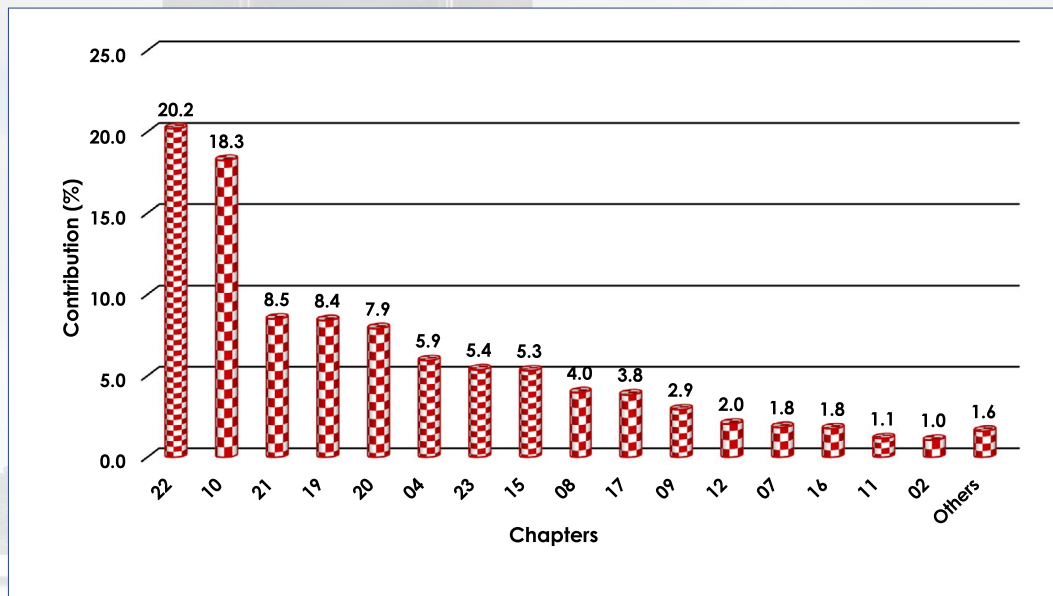
Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula	(%)
1	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	198,237,993.2	20.2
2	10	Cereals	179,135,552.8	18.3
3	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	83,389,301.4	8.5
4	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	82,494,269.3	8.4
5	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	77,609,417.1	7.9
6	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	58,298,370.0	5.9
7	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	52,730,821.4	5.4
8	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	52,085,937.0	5.3
9	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	38,991,578.4	4.0
10	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	37,641,826.5	3.8
11	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	28,610,618.2	2.9
12	12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	20,007,770.0	2.0
13	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	18,008,346.7	1.8
14	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	17,187,946.0	1.8
15	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	11,241,392.7	1.1
16	02	Meat and edible meat offal	10,253,436.5	1.0
Other Food Imports			15,462,085.1	1.6
Total Food Imports			981,386,662.4	100.0
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Note: "Other Food Imports" combine Chapters 3, 5, 6, 13, 14 & 18



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food Imports by Chapter – December 2022



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Table 2: Breakdown of the Top Two Food Imports – December 2022

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS	Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
220300	Beer; made from malt	58,305,029.6	29.4
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, Perry, mead, sake)	44,816,868.3	22.6
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices	41,079,915.2	20.7
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or sweetening matter or flavoured	17,356,733.5	8.8
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	8,820,072.4	4.4
220830	Whiskies	5,822,014.7	2.9
220429	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 10 litres	5,346,503.6	2.7
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	3,718,316.6	1.9
220422	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 2 litres but not more than 10 litres	3,200,018.7	1.6
220850	Gin and geneva	2,562,974.9	1.3
	Other	7,209,545.8	3.6
	Total	198,237,993.2	100.0

b) Cereals			
HS	Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	74,078,209.9	41.4
100199	Wheat and muesli, other than durum wheat, other than seed	34,440,259.7	19.2
100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	27,371,130.3	15.3
100640	Rice, broken	18,343,352.9	10.2
100510	Maize (corn), seed	15,079,789.7	8.4
100710	Grain sorghum, seed	6,498,286.6	3.6
100790	Grain sorghum, other than seed	3,120,491.4	1.7
	Other	204,032.4	0.1
	Total	179,135,552.8	100.0

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