

# BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

## September 2021

September 2021 total imports were valued at P 6, 560,355,020.1. In this amount, food imports contributed P 947, 888, 412.50, reflecting a 14.5 percent of total imports. Cereals accounted for 17.0 percent of food imports, followed by Beverages, spirits & vinegar and Sugars & sugar confectionary with 15.8 percent and 8.8 percent respectively.

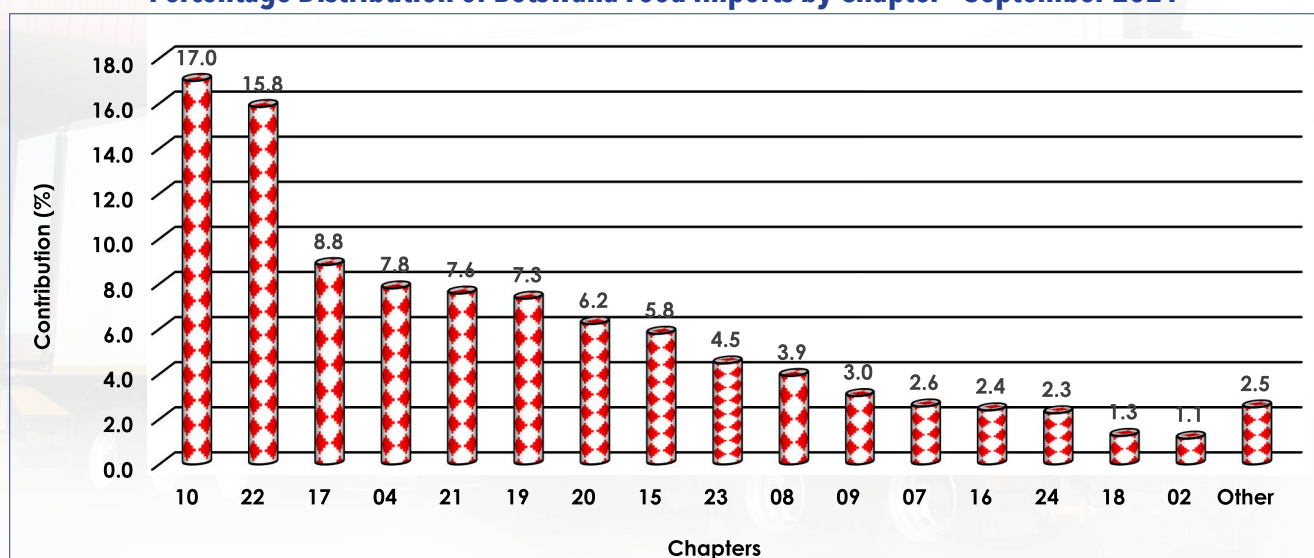
The most imported types of Cereals during this period were "Wheat & meslin, other than durum wheat or seed" with a contribution of 41.4 percent, followed by "Maize (corn), other than seed" at 30.5 percent.

"Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored" contributed 29.2 percent of Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar. "Beer; made from malt" followed with 20.5 percent contribution to Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar;

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

Rank	Chapter	Chapter Description \ Year	BW Pula	Contribution(%)
1	10	Cereals	161,168,686.2	17.0
2	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	150,210,779.8	15.8
3	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	83,780,051.4	8.8
4	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	73,959,867.2	7.8
5	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	71,772,562.6	7.6
6	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	69,631,122.7	7.3
7	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	59,002,279.8	6.2
8	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	54,887,189.4	5.8
9	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	42,424,479.5	4.5
10	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	37,155,381.2	3.9
11	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	28,693,310.6	3.0
12	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	24,325,823.9	2.6
13	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	22,700,391.5	2.4
14	24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	21,465,760.1	2.3
15	18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	11,956,830.8	1.3
16	02	Meat and edible meat offal	10,822,176.0	1.1
<b>Other Food Imports</b>			<b>23,931,719.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Total Food Imports</b>			<b>947,888,412.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>			<b>6,560,355,020.1</b>	

## Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter - September 2021



Note: Others\* combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 11, 12, 13 & 14

**Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports - September 2021**

Cereals			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
100199	Cereals; wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	66,773,132.9	41.4
100590	Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed	49,102,250.7	30.5
100630	Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	36,647,452.9	22.7
100640	Cereals; rice, broken	5,846,736.9	3.6
100610	Cereals; rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	2,092,145.8	1.3
Other Cereals		706,967.0	0.4
Total		161,168,686.2	100.0
Beverages, Spirit & Vinegar			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	43,858,474.3	29.2
220300	Beer; made from malt	30,728,572.3	20.5
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices	29,693,830.6	19.8
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)	22,486,591.8	15.0
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	8,064,242.6	5.4
220830	Whiskies	3,685,910.6	2.5
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	1,921,209.9	1.3
220429	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 10 litres	1,860,123.6	1.2
220860	Vodka	1,834,315.6	1.2
Other		6,077,508.5	4.0
Total		150,210,779.8	100.0



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