



BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

December 2023

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P6, 421.5 million** during the month of December 2023. In this amount, food imports contributed 15.8 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Cereals accounted for 22.6 percent and 14.4 percent of food imports respectively. Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants followed with 8.9 percent.

Among Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, the most imported commodity was Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored, accounting for 27.6 percent. Beer made from malt contributed 23.9 percent.

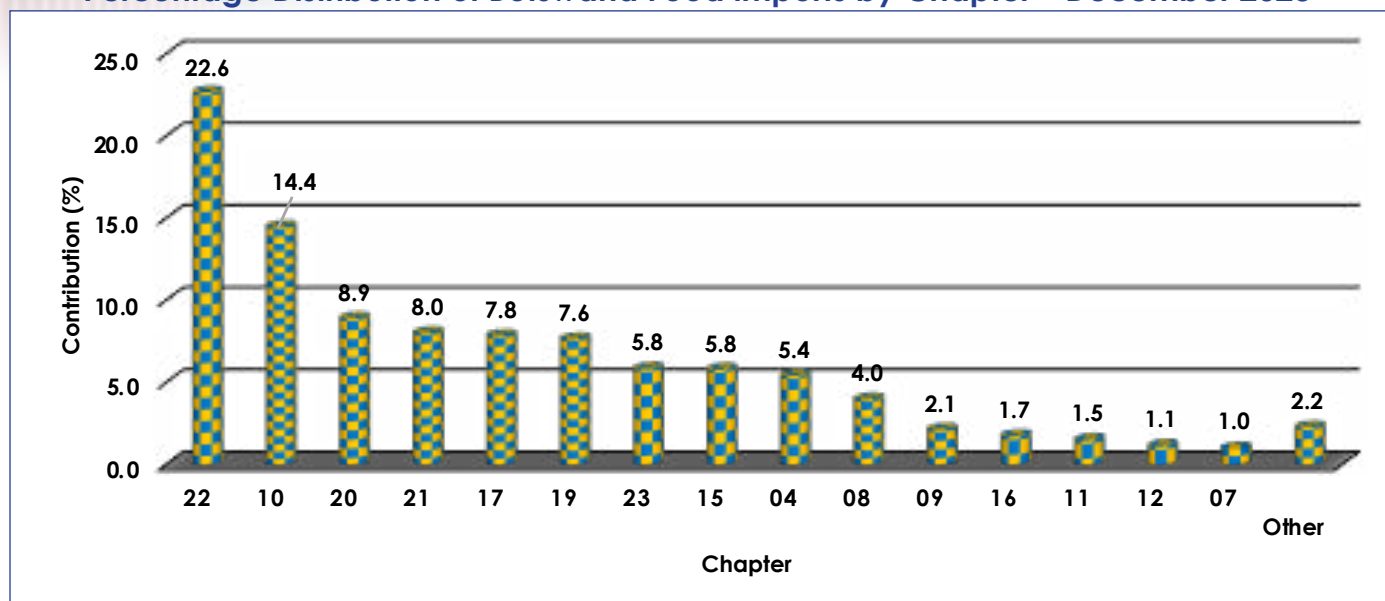
Other Maize (corn) and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether polished or not or glazed made contributions of 41.0 percent and 26.2 percent each, to the cereal chapter.

Table 1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – November and December 2023 (Million Pula)

HS	Description	December	% Contribution	November	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	230.3	22.6	455.0	(97.5)
10	Cereals	147.0	14.4	161.8	(10.1)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	90.4	8.9	129.1	(42.8)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	81.3	8.0	99.4	(22.2)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	79.6	7.8	96.4	(21.0)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	77.6	7.6	92.1	(18.7)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	59.2	5.8	70.5	(18.9)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	58.8	5.8	74.8	(27.2)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	54.8	5.4	64.7	(17.9)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	40.2	4.0	41.5	(3.2)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	21.5	2.1	33.6	(56.3)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	17.5	1.7	25.1	(43.2)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	15.1	1.5	13.6	10.1
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants, straw and fodder	11.4	1.1	14.4	(25.9)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	9.8	1.0	10.8	(10.9)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	7.5	0.7	7.7	(3.5)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	7.4	0.7	7.9	(7.8)
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	3.4	0.3	5.2	(55.8)
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2.5	0.3	2.4	6.5
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	2.2	0.2	1.3	37.3
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Total Food Imports	1,017.6	100.0	1,407.7	(38.3)
	Non Food Imports	5,403.9		8,106.6	(50.0)
	Total Imports	6,421.5		9,514.3	(48.2)



Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – December 2023



Note: "Others" combine Chapters 02, 03, 05, 06, 13, 14 & 18

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports – December 2023

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	63.5	27.6
220300	Beer made from malt	55.1	23.9
220299	Other non-alcoholic beverages(including milk-based drinks)	41.5	18.0
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages	30.9	13.4
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less:: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	8.0	3.5
220830	Whiskies	6.6	2.9
	Others	24.7	10.7
	Total	230.3	100.0

b) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	60.3	41.0
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	38.5	26.2
100199	Wheat and Meslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed	21.5	14.6
100640	Broken rice	15.5	10.6
100790	Other grain sorghum	4.6	3.1
100710	Sorghum Seed	3.8	2.6
100510	Maize Seed	2.4	1.6
	Others	0.5	0.3
	Total	147.0	100.0

Table 3: Botswana Food Imports (Excluding Live Animals) - January to December 2023 (Million' Pula)

HS	Period	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
02	Meat and edible meat offal	9.8	10.2	7.7	10.0	10.9	12.4	7.6	9.6	15.0	11.6	7.7	7.5
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	3.7	3.5	4.4	6.6	4.1	2.4	2.1	8.0	4.2	8.2	5.9	3.4
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	49.8	51.9	53.3	56.3	55.0	58.0	61.8	64.5	64.8	66.6	64.7	54.8
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	0.2	1.3	2.1	0.6	2.5	0.6	1.4	1.9	1.2	1.7	1.3	2.2
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1.8	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.5
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11.7	13.8	19.6	17.0	21.5	19.5	12.0	13.2	14.2	12.6	11.1	9.8
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	41.5	39.3	44.2	33.3	28.5	33.3	32.8	35.5	37.6	40.5	41.5	40.2
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	17.3	31.0	34.9	33.7	30.0	43.9	43.7	40.0	41.9	34.5	33.6	21.5
10	Cereals	187.5	176.7	174.6	138.7	180.9	237.8	195.8	165.5	161.2	188.2	161.8	147.0
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12.5	12.1	12.7	13.9	10.6	12.5	11.6	14.8	14.5	13.9	13.6	15.1
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	14.8	8.9	8.9	6.7	6.8	10.5	8.6	13.0	15.6	25.0	14.6	11.4
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	31.7	40.8	48.4	47.4	67.9	64.6	61.9	72.5	70.2	70.6	74.8	58.8
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	32.8	23.5	17.9	16.2	15.9	16.5	19.4	24.0	12.0	21.4	25.1	17.5
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	64.2	158.9	71.9	60.1	88.6	110.0	88.7	110.2	60.4	107.9	96.4	79.6
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	4.5	11.6	11.3	11.5	10.4	11.1	8.2	13.1	16.5	11.8	8.0	7.4
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	65.8	79.4	85.7	80.5	92.0	93.6	95.3	89.0	84.7	89.5	92.1	77.6
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	78.1	72.4	89.5	61.9	82.6	71.6	90.9	88.0	84.0	111.7	129.1	90.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	53.0	73.3	71.5	66.6	72.0	79.5	71.4	74.7	100.3	87.8	101.3	81.3
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	167.3	381.9	382.1	374.9	160.5	185.5	198.1	336.6	445.0	485.3	456.7	230.3
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	47.5	47.4	64.1	45.4	53.8	66.8	51.4	64.7	59.7	66.9	71.5	59.2
	Total Food Imports	895.3	1,241.0	1,207.4	1,083.7	997.0	1,132.1	1,064.9	1,240.8	1,305.6	1,457.9	1,413.6	1,017.6
	Non Food Imports	5,135.4	5,723.6	6,031.5	5,132.1	5,828.9	5,814.9	6,092.7	5,918.3	7,163.6	7,105.3	8,233.9	5,403.9
	Total Imports	6,030.7	6,964.6	7,238.9	6,215.7	6,825.9	6,946.9	7,157.6	7,159.1	8,469.1	8,563.2	9,647.5	6,421.5

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