

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

January 2023

Table 1 shows that Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 5,832,464,919.3** during the month of January 2023. The share of food imports during the period was **P871, 593, 582.3**, representing 14.9 percent of total imports. Cereals accounted for most imported food items at 21.5 percent. This was followed by Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants at 19.0 and 8.9 percent respectively.

A further breakdown of the cereals chapter shows that maize (corn), other than seed accounted for 48.9 percent, whereas wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat recorded 33.9 percent as reflected in **Table 2a** below. All the other products within the cereals chapter assumed the remaining 17.2 percent.

Within the Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar chapter, the most imported commodity was beer made from malt, accounting for 35.4 percent. Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake) followed with a contribution of 26.1 percent, while Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices made a contribution of 12.7 percent (refer to **Table 2b**). All the other products in this chapter assumed the remaining 25.8 percent.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – January 2023 (Pula)

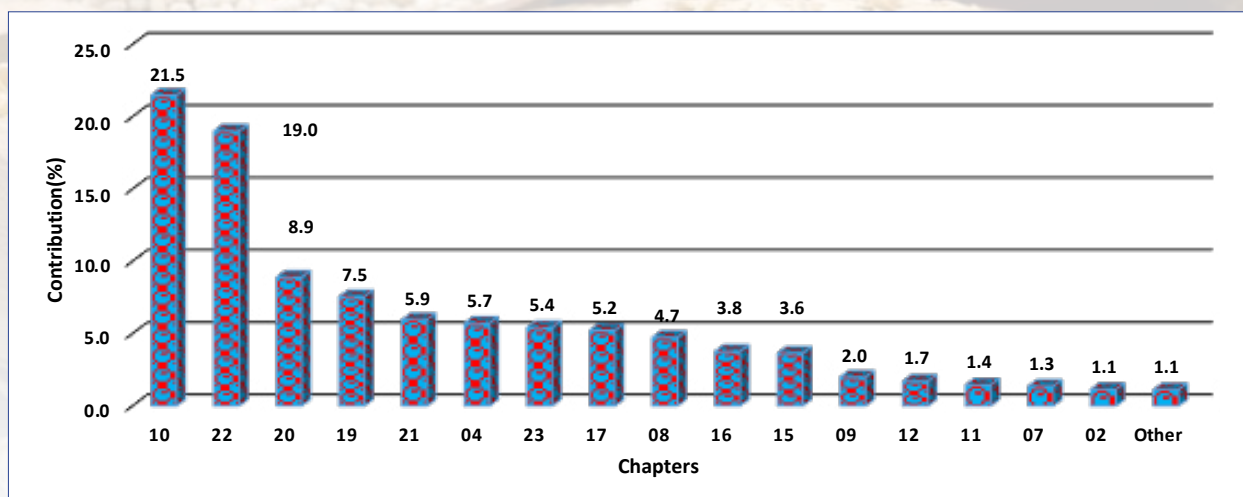
Rank	HS	Description	BW Pula	(%)
1	10	Cereals	187,185,100.2	21.5
2	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	165,576,978.2	19.0
3	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	77,467,967.4	8.9
4	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	65,776,818.0	7.5
5	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	51,782,682.8	5.9
6	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	49,762,342.9	5.7
7	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	47,235,772.8	5.4
8	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	45,452,930.0	5.2
9	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	41,219,423.0	4.7
10	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	32,751,657.3	3.8
11	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	31,708,980.1	3.6
12	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	17,281,623.2	2.0
13	12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	14,790,227.7	1.7
14	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,472,565.5	1.4
15	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11,700,851.6	1.3
16	02	Meat and edible meat offal	9,791,544.9	1.1
		Other Food Imports	9,636,116.9	1.1
		Total Food Imports	871,593,582.3	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 – January 2023



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

a) Cereals			
HS	Description	2023	Contributions (%)
100590	Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed	91,523,794.58	48.9
100199	Cereals; wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	63,505,129.04	33.9
100630	Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	14,283,233.78	7.6
100640	Cereals; grain sorghum, other than seed	9,171,386.02	4.9
100510	Cereals; rice, broken	7,032,096.59	3.8
	Other	1,669,460.23	0.9
	Total	187,185,100.23	100.0

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS	Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
220300	Beer; made from malt	58,686,573.00	35.4
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)	43,199,372.83	26.1
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices	21,087,052.59	12.7
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	13,200,373.12	8.0
220422	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 2 litres but not more than 10 litres	5,458,242.38	3.3
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	4,153,667.27	2.5
220429	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 10 litres	3,341,624.81	2.0
220830	Whiskies	3,226,424.35	1.9
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	3,222,631.75	1.9
220890	Spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	2,324,186.55	1.4
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	2,280,899.11	1.4
220850	Gin and geneva	2,171,217.20	1.3
	Other	3,224,713.20	1.9
	Total	165,576,978.15	100.0