

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS April 2023

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P6, 060,664,390.0** during the month of April 2023. In this amount, food imports contributed **P1, 081,368,923.1** representing 17.8 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Cereals accounted for 34.6 percent and 12.8 percent of food imports respectively. Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products followed with 7.4 percent.

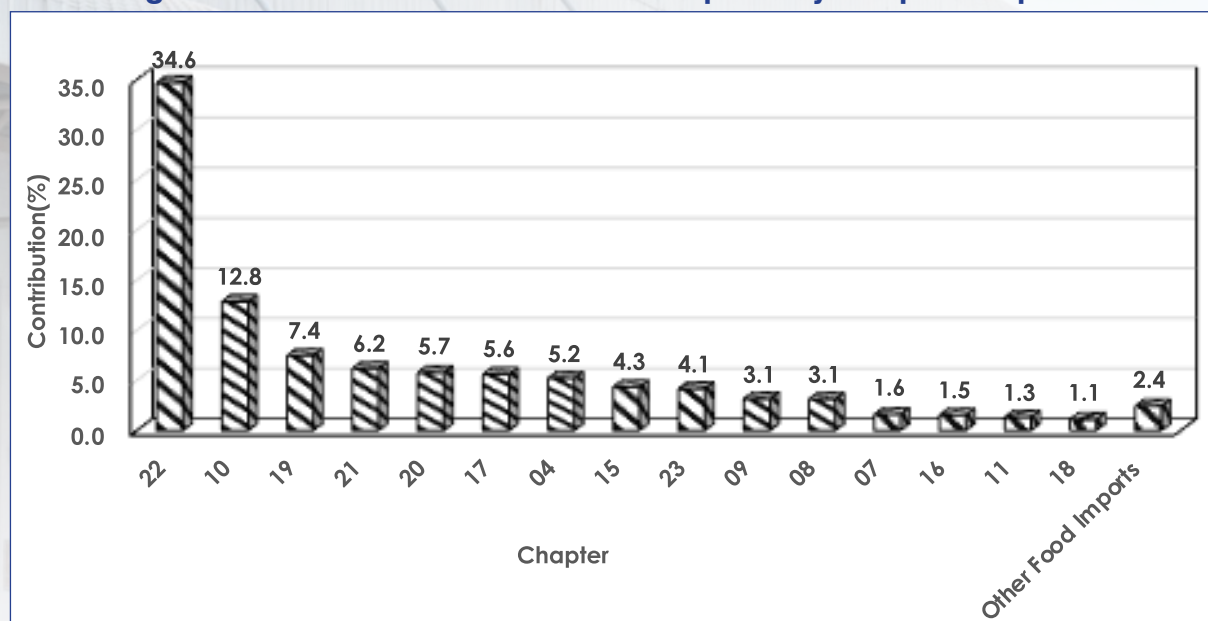
Within the Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar chapter, the most imported commodity were Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored, accounting for 60.4 percent. Beer made from malt followed with a contribution of 14.0 percent, while Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, Perry, mead, sake) made a contribution of 9.3 percent.

Among Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed and wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed accounted for 35.7 percent and 28.3 percent in that order to the cereal chapter. Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed contributed 23.3 percent.

Table 1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – March and April 2023 (Pula)

HS	Description	April	%	March	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	374,585,676.6	34.6	382,111,037.6	(0.0)
10	Cereals	138,579,132.4	12.8	174,619,977.6	(0.3)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	80,525,510.2	7.4	85,701,132.7	(0.1)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	66,571,311.6	6.2	71,503,174.7	(0.1)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	61,932,752.0	5.7	89,476,872.8	(0.4)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	60,147,599.9	5.6	71,865,019.7	(0.2)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	56,060,802.2	5.2	53,259,612.2	0.0
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	46,695,358.5	4.3	48,408,562.1	(0.0)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	44,687,902.9	4.1	64,051,213.8	(0.4)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	33,730,356.5	3.1	34,869,074.2	(0.0)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	33,307,557.4	3.1	44,244,168.8	(0.3)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	16,954,457.8	1.6	19,625,749.9	(0.2)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	16,245,299.4	1.5	17,915,706.6	(0.1)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	13,904,959.8	1.3	12,664,114.5	0.1
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	11,490,390.8	1.1	11,325,729.2	0.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal	9,954,321.9	0.9	7,672,710.1	0.2
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	6,570,241.0	0.6	8,870,591.8	(0.4)
03	Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates	6,567,309.2	0.6	4,377,866.5	0.3
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2,258,188.0	0.2	2,689,286.5	(0.2)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	588,446.7	0.1	2,128,393.8	(2.6)
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	9,307.8	0.0	3,196.2	0.7
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	2,040.5	0.0	40,269.7	(18.7)
Total Food Imports		1,081,368,923.1	100.0	1,207,423,460.9	(0.1)
Non-Food Imports		4,979,295,467.0		6,007,451,119.1	(0.2)
Total Imports		6,060,664,390.0		7,214,874,580.0	(0.2)

Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – April 2023



Note: "Others" combine Chapters 02, 03, 05, 06, 12, 13 & 14

Table 2: Breakdown of the Top Two Food Imports – April 2023

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS	Description	BW Pula Value	%
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored	226,122,070.3	60.4
220300	Beer; made from malt	52,450,969.7	14.0
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, Perry, mead, sake)	34,837,480.9	9.3
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices	22,917,433.8	6.1
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	9,452,377.9	2.5
220422	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 2 litres but not more than 10 litres	6,467,946.6	1.7
220830	Whiskies	5,093,831.0	1.4
220850	Gin and geneva	4,686,065.7	1.3
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	3,651,902.7	1.0
Other		8,905,598.0	2.4
Total		374,585,676.6	100.0

b) Cereals			
HS	Description	BW Pula Value	%
100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	49,416,660.2	35.7
100199	Wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	39,209,879.7	28.3
100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	32,259,544.1	23.3
100640	Rice, broken	10,758,319.1	7.8
100790	Grain sorghum, other than seed	5,630,657.3	4.1
Other		1,304,072.0	0.9
Total		138,579,132.4	100.0

**Table 3: Botswana Food Imports (Excluding Live Animals)
January to April 2023 (Pula)**

HS	\ Period	January	February	March	April
02	Meat and edible meat offal	9,791,544.9	10,194,902.1	7,672,710.1	9,954,321.9
03	Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates	3,701,219.8	3,454,344.3	4,377,866.5	6,567,309.2
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	49,762,342.9	51,945,592.1	53,259,612.2	56,060,802.2
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	161,277.3	1,282,989.9	2,128,393.8	588,446.7
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1,787,164.9	2,832,331.7	2,689,286.5	2,258,188.0
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11,700,851.6	13,838,270.2	19,625,749.9	16,954,457.8
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	41,506,350.8	39,331,156.1	44,244,168.8	33,307,557.4
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	17,286,848.9	31,003,442.5	34,869,074.2	33,730,356.5
10	Cereals	187,322,099.0	176,747,980.8	174,619,977.6	138,579,132.4
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,472,565.5	12,083,217.2	12,664,114.5	13,904,959.8
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	14,818,993.7	8,901,051.8	8,870,591.8	6,570,241.0
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	13,329.6	12,645.8	40,269.7	2,040.5
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	4,177.3	202,047.9	3,196.2	9,307.8
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	31,708,980.1	40,771,358.4	48,408,562.1	46,695,358.5
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	32,751,657.3	23,548,905.6	17,915,706.6	16,245,299.4
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	60,561,472.8	154,166,209.8	71,865,019.7	60,147,599.9
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	4,460,342.9	11,565,517.8	11,325,729.2	11,490,390.8
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	65,799,955.1	79,385,881.0	85,701,132.7	80,525,510.2
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	78,081,270.4	72,434,194.0	89,476,872.8	61,932,752.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	52,953,790.8	73,291,037.4	71,503,174.7	66,571,311.6
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	167,337,368.6	381,907,261.2	382,111,037.6	374,585,676.6
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	47,544,506.7	47,376,518.8	64,051,213.8	44,687,902.9
Total Food Imports		891,528,110.7	1,236,276,856.3	1,207,423,460.9	1,081,368,923.1
Non-Food Imports		5,133,314,896.8	5,722,290,898.1	6,007,451,119.1	4,979,295,467.0
Total Imports		6,024,843,007.6	6,958,567,754.4	7,214,874,580.0	6,060,664,390.0

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