

# BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

## November 2022

Botswana's total imports were valued at P 6, 974, 309,977.1 during the month of November 2022. In this amount, food imports contributed P 1, 131, 678, 737.5, representing 16.2 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar accounted for 16.8 percent of food imports. Cereals and Animal or vegetable fats, oils & their cleavage products; prepared fats; waxes followed with 15.1 percent and 9.3 percent respectively.

Among Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, the most imported commodity was Other Beer made from malt, with an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less, accounting for 15.1 percent. Other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices followed with a contribution of 14.9 percent, while Other fermented beverages or non-malted cereal grains, unfortified, with an alcoholic strength of at least 2.5 < 9.0 per cent by volume With an alcohol content of 5 per cent or less made a contribution of 10.3 percent (**Table 2a**).

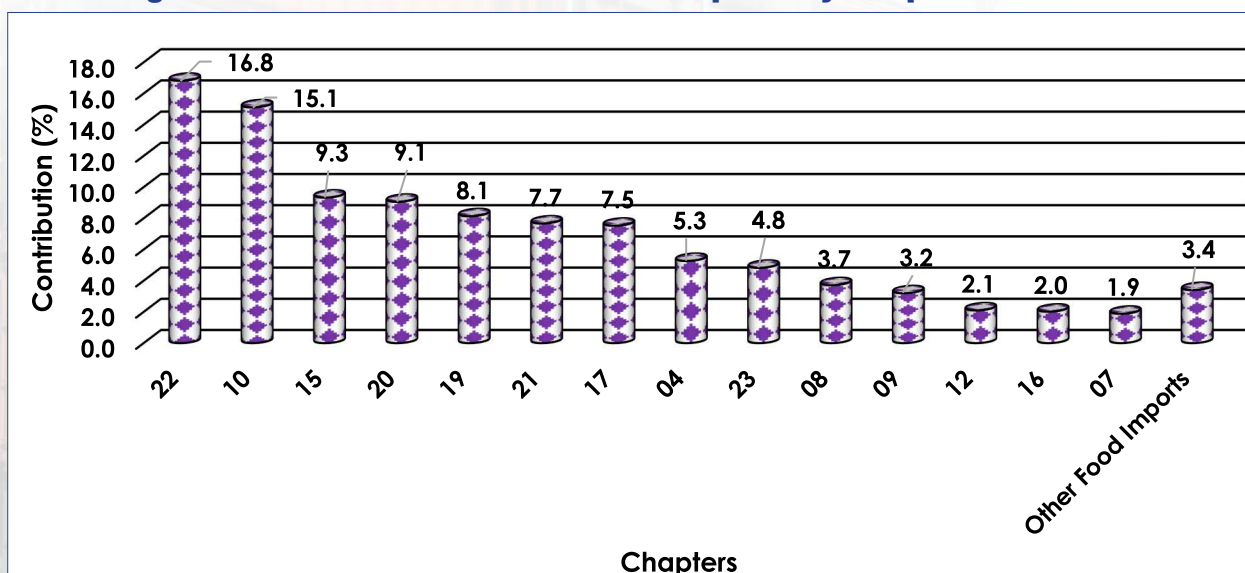
Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, not further prepared or processed & not packaged as seeds (excluding popcorn (ZEA MAYS EVERTA)) accounted for 35.4 percent each to the cereal chapter (**Table 2b**).

**Table 1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – November 2022 (Pula)**

Rank	Chapter	Description	BW Pula	(%)
1	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	190,265,040.4	16.8
2	10	Cereals	171,006,494.7	15.1
3	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	105,521,603.1	9.3
4	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	102,488,500.1	9.1
5	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	91,995,338.1	8.1
6	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	86,732,478.5	7.7
7	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	85,103,796.2	7.5
8	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	59,576,535.7	5.3
9	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	54,587,445.1	4.8
10	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	41,972,674.2	3.7
11	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	36,153,151.3	3.2
12	12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	23,704,436.8	2.1
13	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	22,759,404.1	2.0
14	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	21,257,083.2	1.9
		<b>Other Food Imports</b>	<b>38,554,755.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>
		<b>Total Food Imports</b>	<b>1,131,678,737.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
		<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>6,974,309,977.1</b>	



## Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food Imports by Chapter – November 2022



Note: "Others" combine Chapters 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 13, 14 & 18

### Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports – November 2022

a. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar				
Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
1	220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)	53,313,099.2	28.0
2	220300	Beer; made from malt	43,653,564.8	22.9
3	220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, n.e.c. in item no.2202.10, not including fruit or vegetable juices	38,785,825.8	20.4
4	220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	13,229,099.5	7.0
5	220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	8,356,385.9	4.4
6	220830	Whiskies	6,926,135.8	3.6
7	220870	Liqueurs and cordials	6,242,832.4	3.3
8	220429	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 10 litres	5,384,296.9	2.8
	<b>Other</b>		<b>14,373,800.0</b>	<b>7.6</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>190,265,040.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

b. Cereals				
Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
1	100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	61,909,935.1	36.2
2	100199	wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seeds	41,903,532.0	24.5
3	100630	Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed polished or glazed	35,137,998.6	20.5
4	100510	Cereals; maize (corn), seed	14,690,091.6	8.6
5	100640	Cereals; rice, broken	14,287,102.3	8.4
	<b>Other</b>		<b>3,077,835.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>171,006,494.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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