

Botswana Food Imports

August 2022

In August 2022, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P6,926,262,137**. In this amount, the share of Food Imports was **P1,016,151,639** (14.7 percent). Cereals accounted for the largest share of Food Imports at 18.3 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products followed with 14.8 percent and 9.3 percent respectively.

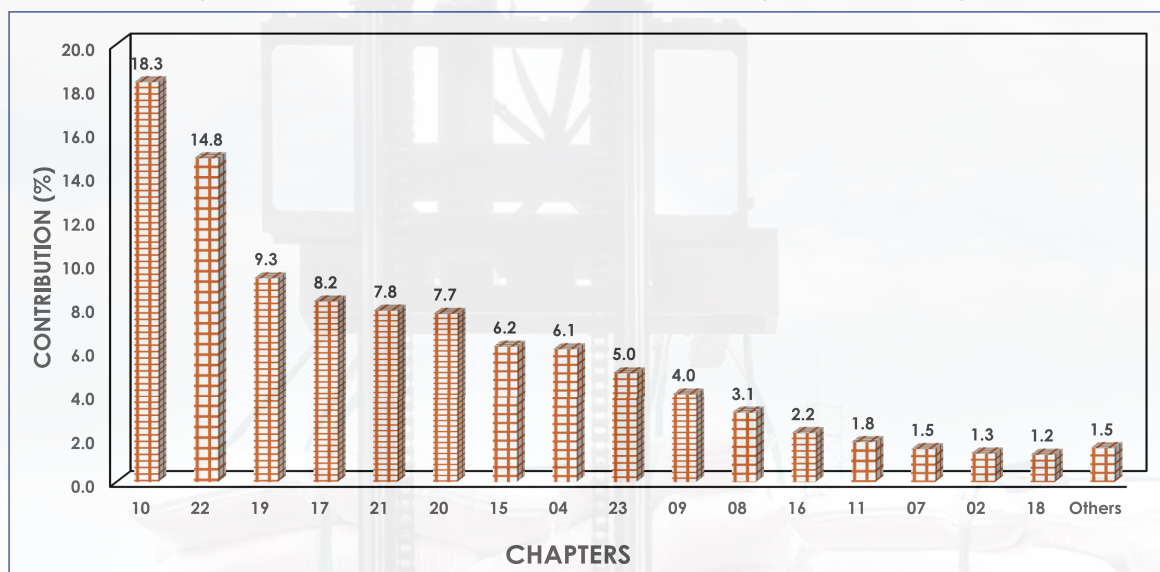
Among the Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed contributed 40.4 percent. Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed and Wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat or seed followed with 30.8 percent and 26.7 percent respectively.

Beverages fermented; e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake accounted for 27.1 percent of Beverages and Vinegar. Beer made from malt and Non-alcoholic beverages other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices followed with 26.4 percent and 16.7 percent respectively.

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

| Rank | Chapter | Chapter Description | BW Pula | Percentage |
|--------------------|---------|---|---------------|------------|
| 1 | 10 | Cereals | 185,687,315 | 18.3 |
| 2 | 22 | Beverages, spirits and vinegar | 150,341,877 | 14.8 |
| 3 | 19 | Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products | 94,579,418 | 9.3 |
| 4 | 17 | Sugars and sugar confectionery | 83,818,528 | 8.2 |
| 5 | 21 | Miscellaneous edible preparations | 79,559,323 | 7.8 |
| 6 | 20 | Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants | 78,056,080 | 7.7 |
| 7 | 15 | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; | 62,825,130 | 6.2 |
| 8 | 04 | Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin | 61,633,617 | 6.1 |
| 9 | 23 | Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder | 50,418,660 | 5.0 |
| 10 | 09 | Coffee, tea, mate and spices | 40,578,384 | 4.0 |
| 11 | 08 | Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons | 31,812,702 | 3.1 |
| 12 | 16 | Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates and preparations | 22,431,260 | 2.2 |
| 13 | 11 | Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten | 18,295,687 | 1.8 |
| 14 | 07 | Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible | 15,103,491 | 1.5 |
| 15 | 02 | Meat and edible meat offal | 13,029,691 | 1.3 |
| 16 | 18 | Cocoa and cocoa preparations | 12,463,293 | 1.2 |
| Other Food Imports | | | 15,517,182 | 1.5 |
| Total Food Imports | | | 1,016,151,639 | 100.0 |
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – August 2022



NOTE: "Others" combine Chapters 3, 5, 6, 12, 13 & 14

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

| Cereals | | | |
|---------|---|-------------|-------------------|
| HS Code | HS Description | BW Pula | Contributions (%) |
| 100590 | Maize (corn), other than seed | 74,976,784 | 40.4 |
| 100630 | Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed | 57,227,026 | 30.8 |
| 100199 | Wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed | 49,538,578 | 26.7 |
| 100640 | Rice, broken | 2,875,011 | 1.5 |
| Other | | 1,069,915 | 0.6 |
| Total | | 185,687,315 | 100.0 |

| Beverages, spirits and vinegar | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------|
| HS Code | HS Description | BW Pula | Contributions (%) |
| 220600 | Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake) | 40,680,687 | 27.1 |
| 220300 | Beer; made from malt | 39,686,029 | 26.4 |
| 220299 | Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices | 25,033,309 | 16.7 |
| 220210 | Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured | 13,540,593 | 9.0 |
| 220421 | Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less | 9,292,396 | 6.2 |
| Others | | 22,108,865 | 14.7 |
| Total | | 150,341,877 | 100.0 |

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