

# Botswana Food Imports

## July 2023

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P6, 897,364, 155.2** in July 2023. The share of food during this period was **P1, 063,990,477.2** equivalent to 15.4 percent of total imports. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar accounted for most imported food items at 18.6 percent. Cereals and Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products followed with 18.4 percent and 8.9 percent respectively.

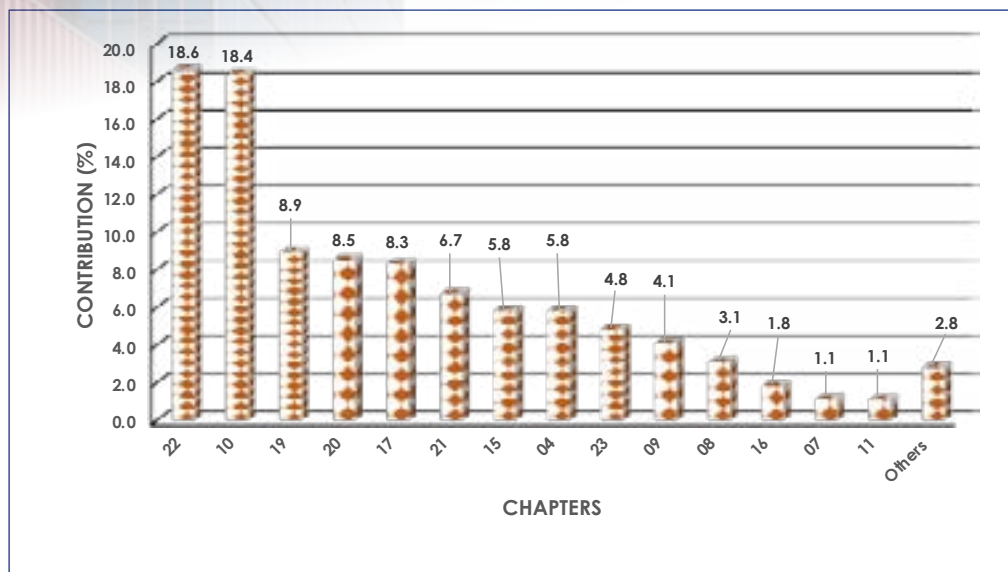
In July 2023, among the Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar chapter, the most imported commodities were Beer made from malt and other fermented beverages (cider, perry, mead, sake) & non-alcoholic beverages with contributions of 24.0 percent and 20.8 percent respectively. Mineral and aerated waters containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored accounted for 17.7 percent.

Regarding the Cereals chapter; Other Wheat & muslin and Maize (corn) excluding Seeds accounted for 43.2 percent and 29.9 percent in that order to the cereal chapter. Semi or wholly milled rice whether or not polished or glazed contributed 17.7 percent.

**Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) Imports – June and July 2023 (Pula)**

HS (Chapters)	Chapter Description \ Period	July	% Contribution	June	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	197,982,236.6	18.6	185,472,095.2	6.7
10	Cereals	195,779,815.6	18.4	237,805,927.7	(17.7)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	95,056,353.7	8.9	93,621,236.7	1.5
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	90,931,380.2	8.5	71,619,306.6	27.0
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	88,729,330.1	8.3	110,031,600.4	(19.4)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	71,297,871.1	6.7	79,059,325.5	(9.8)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	61,850,424.8	5.8	64,645,179.5	(4.3)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	61,761,358.8	5.8	57,981,026.1	6.5
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	51,357,046.1	4.8	66,844,509.8	(23.2)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	43,654,667.1	4.1	43,851,361.6	(0.4)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	32,733,420.1	3.1	33,256,757.1	(1.6)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	19,349,095.3	1.8	16,528,666.7	17.1
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11,934,255.8	1.1	19,486,657.1	(38.8)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	11,625,787.3	1.1	12,516,875.4	(7.1)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	8,593,575.7	0.8	10,507,613.4	(18.2)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	8,236,008.0	0.8	11,085,467.2	(25.7)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	7,559,410.0	0.7	12,393,302.0	(39.0)
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2,136,120.6	0.2	1,874,756.2	13.9
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	2,016,783.0	0.2	2,389,227.9	(15.6)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	1,384,233.3	0.1	579,043.0	139.1
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	19,706.3	0.0	55,562.0	(64.5)
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	1,597.8	0.0	4,046.0	(60.5)
	<b>Total Food Imports</b>	<b>1,063,990,477.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,131,609,542.9</b>	<b>(6.0)</b>
	<b>Non Food Imports</b>	<b>5,833,373,678.0</b>		<b>5,805,007,744.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>6,897,364,155.2</b>		<b>6,936,617,287.9</b>	<b>(0.6)</b>

## Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –July 2023



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

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

A. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar			
HS	Commodity Description	Value(BWP)	Contribution (%)
220300	Beer made from malt	47,563,114.1	24.0
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake) and non-alcoholic beverages	41,196,761.5	20.8
220210	Mineral and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	34,979,569.5	17.7
220299	Other waters	23,630,450.6	11.9
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less:: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	11,682,733.9	5.9
220850	Gin and Geneva	9,080,535.9	4.6
220870	Liqueurs and cordials:: In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	8,221,020.5	4.2
220830	Whiskies	7,116,069.2	3.6
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	4,096,788.2	2.1
	<b>Others</b>	<b>10,415,193.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>197,982,236.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>

B. Cereals			
HS	Commodity Description	Value(BWP)	Contribution(%)
100199	Other Wheat and muslin	84,661,345.8	43.2
100590	Maize (corn) excluding Seed	58,480,380.6	29.9
100630	Semi or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	34,578,721.1	17.7
100640	Broken rice	13,622,776.6	7.0
	<b>Others</b>	<b>4,436,591.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>195,779,815.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

HS (Chapters)	Chapter Description / Period	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	167,337,368.6	381,907,166.4	382,111,037.0	374,928,618.8	160,502,684.1	185,472,095.2	197,982,236.6
10	Cereals	187,322,099.0	176,747,980.8	174,619,977.6	138,579,132.4	180,692,042.8	237,805,927.7	195,779,815.6
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	65,799,955.1	79,385,881.0	85,701,132.7	80,525,510.2	91,963,623.1	93,621,236.7	95,056,353.7
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	78,081,270.4	72,434,194.0	89,476,872.4	61,932,752.0	82,620,243.4	71,619,306.6	90,931,380.2
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	64,209,553.8	158,598,756.8	71,865,019.7	60,147,599.9	88,561,480.6	110,031,600.4	88,729,330.1
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	52,953,790.8	73,291,037.4	71,509,861.7	66,601,740.4	71,999,045.5	79,059,325.5	71,297,871.1
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	48,391,400.4	47,397,942.1	67,884,225.1	64,645,179.5	61,850,424.8
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	56,345,817.3	55,022,646.6	57,981,026.1	61,761,358.8
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	47,544,506.7	47,376,518.8	64,051,213.8	45,202,771.6	53,786,735.1	66,844,509.8	51,357,046.1
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	17,286,848.9	31,003,442.5	34,869,076.0	33,730,356.5	29,960,837.8	43,851,361.6	43,654,667.1
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	28,514,909.1	33,256,757.1	32,733,420.1
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	32,751,657.3	23,548,905.6	17,915,706.6	16,245,299.4	15,894,739.1	16,528,666.7	19,349,095.3
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11,700,851.6	13,838,270.2	19,625,749.9	16,954,457.8	21,531,306.9	19,486,657.1	11,934,255.8
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	10,646,976.2	12,516,875.4	11,625,787.3
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	8,880,520.6	6,642,832.1	6,840,118.6	10,507,613.4	8,593,575.7
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	4,460,342.9	11,565,517.8	11,325,729.2	11,490,390.8	10,437,447.0	11,085,467.2	8,236,008.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal	9,791,544.9	10,194,902.1	7,672,710.1	9,954,321.9	10,923,299.9	12,393,302.0	7,559,410.0
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	2,378,486.3	1,874,756.2	2,136,120.6
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	3,701,219.8	3,454,344.3	4,377,866.5	6,567,309.2	4,104,616.2	2,389,227.9	2,016,783.0
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	161,277.3	1,282,989.9	2,128,393.8	588,446.7	2,545,341.9	579,043.0	1,384,233.3
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	13,329.6	12,645.8	40,269.7	2,040.5	15,959.2	55,562.0	19,706.3
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	4,177.3	202,047.9	3,196.2	9,307.8	8,802.6	4,046.0	1,597.8
	<b>Total Food Imports</b>	<b>895,176,191.8</b>	<b>1,240,709,308.5</b>	<b>1,207,422,915.8</b>	<b>1,083,317,352.4</b>	<b>996,835,567.1</b>	<b>1,131,609,542.9</b>	<b>1,063,990,477.2</b>
	<b>Non Food Imports</b>	<b>5,134,998,868.3</b>	<b>5,722,740,806.0</b>	<b>6,029,632,517.7</b>	<b>5,124,759,600.2</b>	<b>5,820,637,577.6</b>	<b>5,805,007,744.9</b>	<b>5,833,373,678.0</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>6,030,175,060.1</b>	<b>6,963,450,114.5</b>	<b>7,237,055,433.5</b>	<b>6,208,076,952.6</b>	<b>6,817,473,144.8</b>	<b>6,936,617,287.9</b>	<b>6,897,364,155.2</b>

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