

Botswana Food Imports

June 2023

During the month of June 2023, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 6,936,617,287.9**. In this amount, food imports contributed **P1,131,609,542.9**, translating to 16.3 percent. Cereals accounted for 21.0 percent of food imports. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Sugars and Sugar Confectionery followed with 16.4 percent and 9.7 percent respectively.

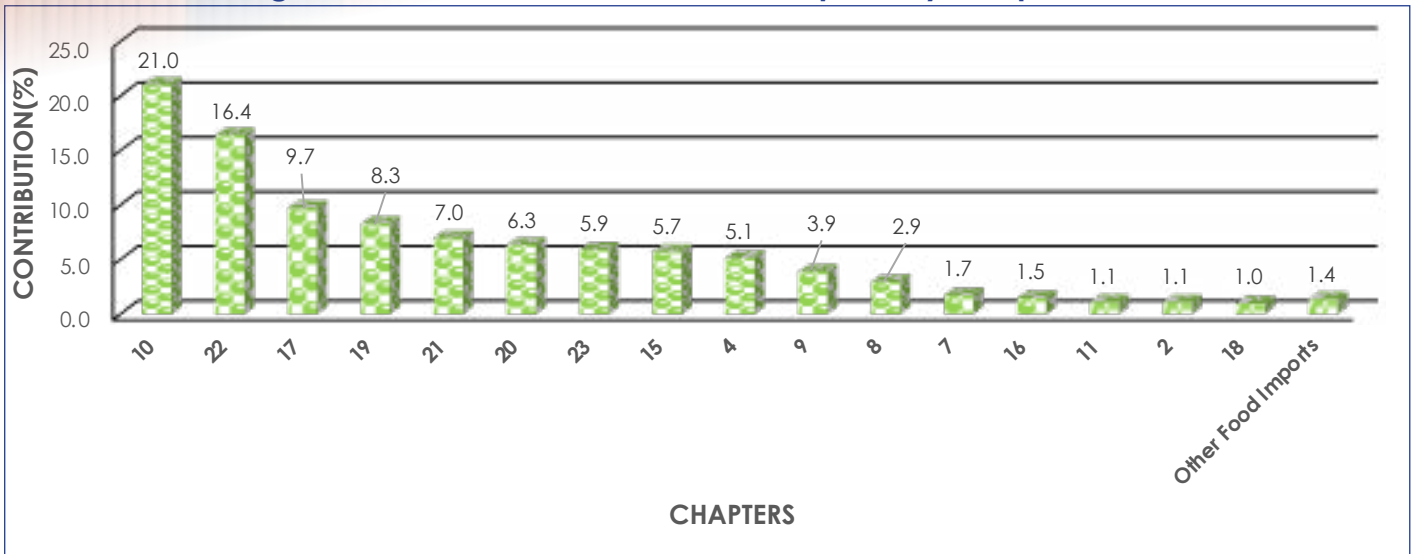
Within Cereals; maize (corn) excluding seed, were the most imported at 35.6 percent. Other Wheat & muslin and Semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed followed with 35.5 percent and 19.1 percent respectively.

Among the Cereals; Spirits and Vinegar chapter, the most imported commodities were Beer made from malt and Mineral waters & aerated waters containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, with contributions of 27.9 percent and 23.3 percent respectively. Fermented beverages (for example cider perry) contributed 22.6 percent to this chapter.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – May and June 2023 (Pula)

HS (Chapters)	Chapter Description \ Period	June	% Contribution	May	% Change
10	Cereals	237,805,927.7	21.0	180,692,042.8	31.6
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	185,472,095.2	16.4	160,502,684.1	15.6
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	110,031,600.4	9.7	88,561,480.6	24.2
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	93,621,236.7	8.3	91,963,623.1	1.8
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	79,059,325.5	7.0	71,999,045.5	9.8
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	71,619,306.6	6.3	82,620,243.4	(13.3)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	66,844,509.8	5.9	53,786,735.1	24.3
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	64,645,179.5	5.7	67,884,225.1	(4.8)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	57,981,026.1	5.1	55,022,646.6	5.4
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	43,851,361.6	3.9	29,960,837.8	46.4
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	33,256,757.1	2.9	28,514,909.1	16.6
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	19,486,657.1	1.7	21,531,306.9	(9.5)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	16,528,666.7	1.5	15,894,739.1	4.0
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,516,875.4	1.1	10,646,976.2	17.6
02	Meat and edible meat offal	12,393,302.0	1.1	10,923,299.9	13.5
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	11,085,467.2	1.0	10,437,447.0	6.2
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	10,507,613.4	0.9	6,840,118.6	53.6
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	2,389,227.9	0.2	4,104,616.2	(41.8)
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1,874,756.2	0.2	2,378,486.3	(21.2)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	579,043.0	0.1	2,545,341.9	(77.3)
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	55,562.0	0.0	15,959.2	248.1
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	4,046.0	0.0	8,802.6	(54.0)
	Total Food Imports	1,131,609,542.9	100.0	996,835,567.1	13.5
	Non Food Imports	5,805,007,744.9		5,820,637,577.6	(0.3)
	Total Imports	6,936,617,287.9		6,817,473,144.8	1.7

Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –June 2023



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

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

A. Cereals			
HS	Commodity Description	Value(BWP)	Contribution(%)
100590	Maize (corn) excluding Seeds	84,581,183.6	35.6
100199	Other Wheat and muslin	84,399,238.0	35.5
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	45,423,888.0	19.1
100640	Broken rice	19,661,850.0	8.3
	Other	3,739,768.2	1.6
	Total	237,805,927.7	100.0

B. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar

HS	Commodity Description	Value(BWP)	Contribution (%)
220300	Beer made from malt	51,737,872.0	27.9
220210	Mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	43,294,914.1	23.3
220600	Other fermented beverages (cider, perry, mead, sake) and non-alcoholic beverages	41,844,312.0	22.6
220299	Other waters	15,965,058.0	8.6
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less:: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	11,714,326.0	6.3
220870	Liqueurs and cordials:: In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	3,387,907.4	1.8
220830	Whiskies	3,092,931.4	1.7
220429	Other; Unfortified wine:: Fortified wine	2,637,023.0	1.4
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	2,624,351.8	1.4
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	2,425,967.0	1.3
220850	Gin and Geneva	2,188,235.7	1.2
	Others	4,559,196.7	2.5
	Total	185,472,095.2	100.0

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

HS (Chapters)	Chapter Description \ Period	January	February	March	April	May	June
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
	Total Food Imports	895,176,191.8	1,240,709,308.5	1,207,422,915.8	1,083,317,352.4	996,835,567.1	1,131,609,542.9
	Non Food Imports	5,134,998,868.3	5,722,740,806.0	6,029,632,517.7	5,124,759,600.2	5,820,637,577.6	5,805,007,744.9
	Total Imports	6,030,175,060.1	6,963,450,114.5	7,237,055,433.5	6,208,076,952.6	6,817,473,144.8	6,936,617,287.9

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