

# BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

## March 2022

In March 2022, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 9, 872, 555, 567.2**. In this amount, food imports contributed **P 1, 173, 829, 205** translating to 11.9 percent. Cereals accounted for 26.8 percent of food imports, followed by Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Animal or vegetable fats and oils with 13.8 percent and 8.0 percent respectively.

Among cereals, the most imported in March 2022 was grain sorghum other than seed and maize

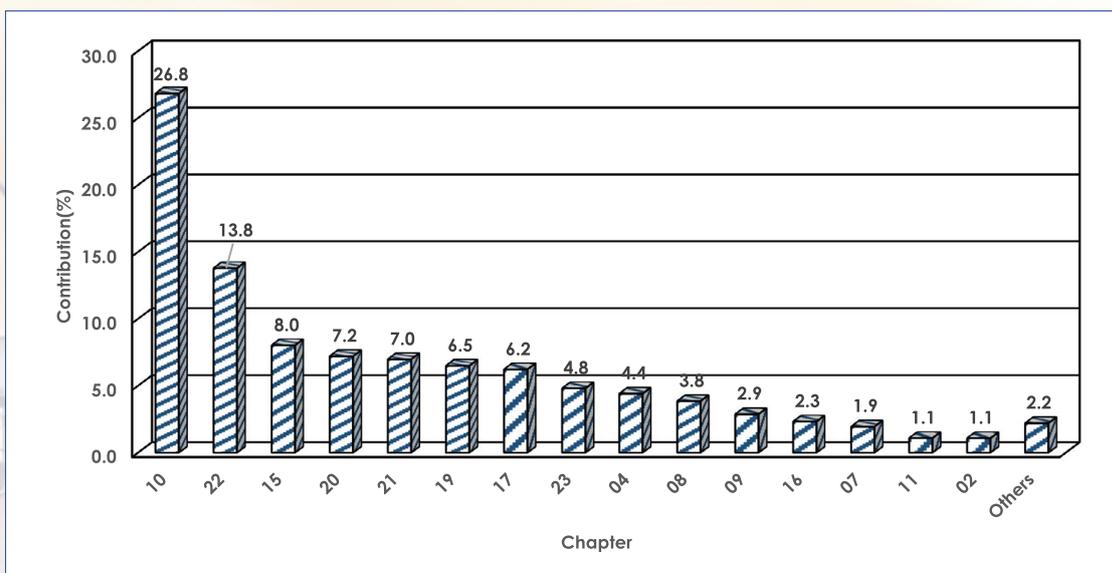
(corn) other than seed with contributions of 51.4 percent and 21.0 percent respectively.

With respect to Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, the most imported types were Non-alcoholic beverages; at 25.4 percent. Beer; made from malt and Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured, followed with contributions of 22.0 percent and 20.6 percent respectively.

**Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – March 2022 (Pula)**

| Rank                      | Chapter | Chapter Description \ Year   | BW Pula                | Contribution(%) |
|---------------------------|---------|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1                         | 10      | Cereals  | 314,887,022.6          | 26.8            |
| 2                         | 22      | Beverages, spirits and vinegar   | 161,683,313.2          | 13.8            |
| 3                         | 15      | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes   | 94,092,826.4           | 8.0             |
| 4                         | 20      | Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants   | 84,501,939.2           | 7.2             |
| 5                         | 21      | Miscellaneous edible preparations  | 81,796,847.3           | 7.0             |
| 6                         | 19      | Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products   | 76,139,696.8           | 6.5             |
| 7                         | 17      | Sugars and sugar confectionery   | 72,964,745.7           | 6.2             |
| 8                         | 23      | Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder   | 56,385,514.6           | 4.8             |
| 9                         | 04      | Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included | 51,652,804.6           | 4.4             |
| 10                        | 08      | Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons   | 45,132,978.7           | 3.8             |
| 11                        | 09      | Coffee, tea, mate and spices   | 33,654,733.8           | 2.9             |
| 12                        | 16      | Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof                         | 27,191,390.4           | 2.3             |
| 13                        | 07      | Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible  | 22,763,580.9           | 1.9             |
| 14                        | 11      | Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten   | 12,658,895.6           | 1.1             |
| 15                        | 02      | Meat and edible meat offal   | 12,605,453.6           | 1.1             |
| <b>Other Food Imports</b> |         |  | <b>25,717,4616.6</b>   | <b>2.2</b>      |
| <b>Total Food Imports</b> |         |  | <b>1,173,829,205.0</b> | <b>11.9</b>     |
| <b>Total Imports</b>      |         |  | <b>9,872,555,567.2</b> |                 |

## Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –March 2022



Note: "Others" combine Chapters 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 & 18

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

| Cereals                        |   |                    |                   |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| HS Code                        | HS Description  | BW Pula            | Contributions (%) |
| 100790                         | Grain sorghum, other than seed  | 161,782,267        | 51.4              |
| 100590                         | Maize (corn), other than seed   | 66,019,061         | 21.0              |
| 100199                         | Wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat and seed   | 44,779,393         | 14.2              |
| 100630                         | Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed                           | 38,410,691         | 12.2              |
| 100640                         | Rice, broken  | 2,611,781          | 0.8               |
| Other                          | Other   | 1,283,830          | 0.4               |
| <b>Total</b>                   |   | <b>314,887,023</b> | <b>100.0</b>      |
| Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar |   |                    |                   |
| HS Code                        | HS Description  | BW Pula            | Contributions (%) |
| 220299                         | Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices | 41,077,221         | 25.4              |
| 220300                         | Beer; made from malt  | 35,501,883         | 22.0              |
| 220210                         | Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured | 33,357,874         | 20.6              |
| 220600                         | Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)   | 30,804,850         | 19.1              |
| 220421                         | Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less   | 7,168,098          | 4.4               |
| 220870                         | Liqueurs and cordials   | 3,059,195          | 1.9               |
| 220850                         | Gin and geneva  | 2,496,368          | 1.5               |
| 220830                         | Whiskies  | 2,083,618          | 1.3               |
| 220429                         | Wine; still, in containers holding more than 10 litres  | 1,538,339          | 1.0               |
| Other                          | Other   | 4,595,867          | 2.8               |
| <b>Total</b>                   |   | <b>161,683,313</b> | <b>100.0</b>      |