

# BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

## March 2023

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 6,937,453,558.3** during the month of February 2023. In this amount, food imports contributed **P1, 203,422,223.3** representing 17.3 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Cereals accounted for 31.7 percent and 14.5 percent of food imports respectively. Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants followed with 7.4 percent.

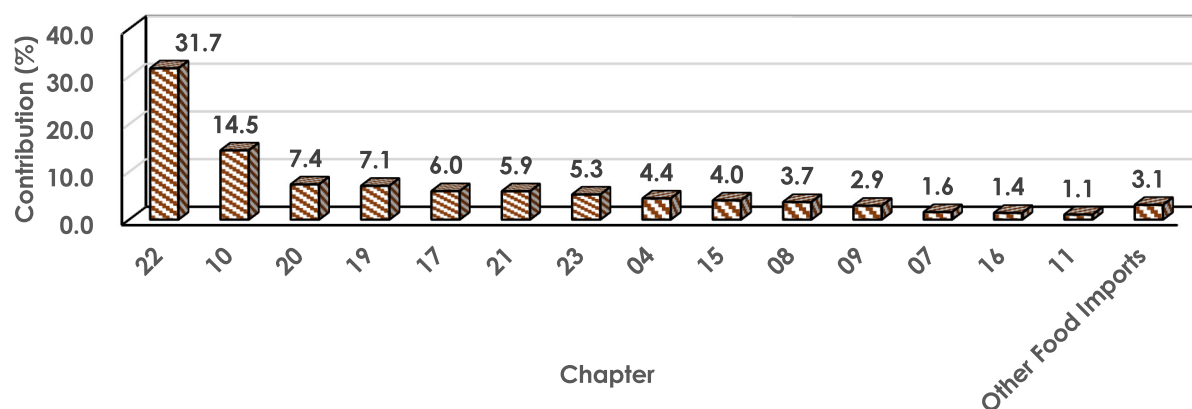
Within the Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar chapter, the most imported commodity were Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored, accounting for 66.6 percent. Beer made from malt followed with a contribution of 12.7 percent, while Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake) and Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer not including fruit or vegetable juices each made a contribution of 7.5 percent.

Among Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed and wheat & muslin (other than durum wheat, other than seed) accounted for 41.6 percent and 34.5 percent in that order to the cereal chapter. Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed contributed 14.3 percent Cereals.

**Table 1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – February and March 2023 (Pula)**

HS	Description	March	% Contribution	February	% Change
02	Meat and edible meat offal	7,672,710	0.6	9,604,652	(20.1)
03	Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates	4,377,840	0.4	3,454,344	26.7
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	53,257,700	4.4	51,945,592	2.5
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	2,128,394	0.2	1,282,990	65.9
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2,689,287	0.2	2,832,332	(5.1)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	18,891,754	1.6	13,838,270	36.5
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	44,244,169	3.7	39,331,156	12.5
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	34,834,053	2.9	31,003,442	12.4
10	Cereals	174,616,899	14.5	176,747,981	(1.2)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,664,075	1.1	12,083,217	4.8
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	8,857,021	0.7	8,901,052	(0.5)
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	36,632	0.0	12,646	189.7
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	3,196	0.0	202,048	(98.4)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	48,382,562	4.0	40,771,358	18.7
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	16,852,314	1.4	23,548,906	(28.4)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	71,860,941	6.0	146,600,572	(51.0)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	11,316,770	0.9	11,565,518	(2.2)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	85,230,333	7.1	79,385,881	7.4
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	88,877,881	7.4	72,434,194	22.7
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	71,469,973	5.9	73,289,669	(2.5)
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	381,820,131	31.7	381,907,261	(0.0)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	63,337,588	5.3	47,376,519	33.7
<b>Total Food Imports</b>		<b>1,203,422,223</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,228,119,600</b>	<b>(2.0)</b>
<b>Non-Food Imports</b>		<b>5,734,031,335</b>		<b>5,715,538,725</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>		<b>6,937,453,558</b>		<b>6,943,658,325</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>

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



Note: "Others" combine Chapters 02, 03, 05, 06, 12, 13, 14 & 18

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

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS	Description	BW Pula Value	%
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	254,170,294.3	66.6
220300	Beer; made from malt	48,669,462.9	12.7
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices	28,726,163.9	7.5
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)	28,529,178.7	7.5
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	4,808,003.3	1.3
220830	Whiskies	3,850,379.9	1.0
Other		13,066,648.0	3.4
Total		381,820,130.9	100.0

b) Cereals			
HS	Description	BW Pula Value	%
100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	72,643,989.2	41.6
100199	Wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	60,190,195.6	34.5
100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	24,974,538.8	14.3
100640	Rice, broken	11,826,884.3	6.8
100790	Grain sorghum, other than seed	4,198,204.5	2.4
Other		783,086.7	0.4
Total		174,616,899.0	100.0

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

HS	Description	January	February	March
02	Meat and edible meat offal	9,791,545	9,604,652	7,672,710
03	Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates	3,701,220	3,454,344	4,377,840
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	49,762,343	51,945,592	53,257,700
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	161,277	1,282,990	2,128,394
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1,787,165	2,832,332	2,689,287
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11,700,852	13,838,270	18,891,754
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	41,506,351	39,331,156	44,244,169
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	17,286,849	31,003,442	34,834,053
10	Cereals	187,322,099	176,747,981	174,616,899
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,472,565	12,083,217	12,664,075
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	14,818,994	8,901,052	8,857,021
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	13,330	12,646	36,632
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	4,177	202,048	3,196
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	31,708,980	40,771,358	48,382,562
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	32,751,657	23,548,906	16,852,314
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	60,561,473	146,600,572	71,860,941
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	4,460,343	11,565,518	11,316,770
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	65,799,955	79,385,881	85,230,333
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	78,081,270	72,434,194	88,877,881
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	52,953,791	73,289,669	71,469,973
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	167,337,369	381,907,261	381,820,131
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	47,544,507	47,376,519	63,337,588
<b>Total Food Imports</b>		<b>891,528,111</b>	<b>1,228,119,600</b>	<b>1,203,422,223</b>
<b>Non-Food Imports</b>		<b>5,133,346,932</b>	<b>5,715,538,725</b>	<b>5,734,031,335</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>		<b>6,024,875,043</b>	<b>6,943,658,325</b>	<b>6,937,453,558.3</b>

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