

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

October 2022

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 7,012,879,911.3** (seven billion, twelve million, eight hundred and seventy nine thousand, nine hundred and eleven Pula, thirty Thebe) during the month of October 2022. Food imports contributed **P 987,856,280.9** (nine hundred and eighty seven million, eight hundred and fifty six thousand, two hundred and eighty Pula, ninety Thebe), representing 14.1 percent of total imports.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar accounted for 20.9 percent of food imports. Cereals and Preparations of Vegetables, Fruit, Nuts or Other Parts of Plants followed with 15.6 percent and 8.9 percent respectively.

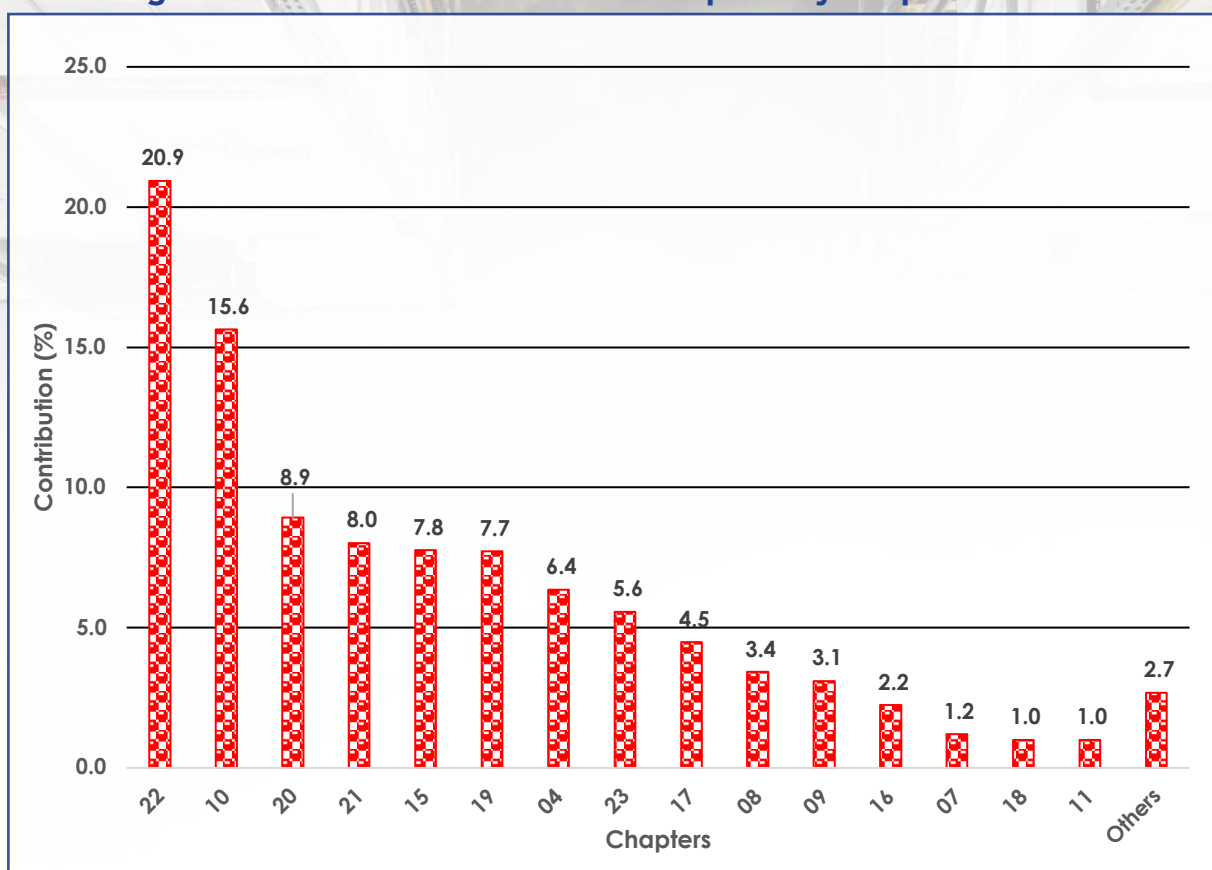
Among Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, the most imported commodity were Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake) accounting for 28.5 percent. Beer made from malt followed with a contribution of 21.5 percent, while Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not elsewhere specified in item no. 2202.10, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading no. 2009 made a contribution of 20.0 percent (**Table 2a**).

Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed and Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed accounted for 40.3 percent and 26.5 percent respectively to the cereal chapter (**Table 2b**).

Table 1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) Imports – October 2022 (Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Description	BWP Pula	Contribution (%)
1	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	206,742,473.1	20.9
2	10	Cereals	154,459,312.0	15.6
3	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	88,109,683.3	8.9
4	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	79,236,681.9	8.0
5	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal-fats; animal or vegetable waxes	76,667,160.5	7.8
6	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	76,268,386.2	7.7
7	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	62,764,960.1	6.4
8	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	54,940,300.8	5.6
9	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	44,258,375.9	4.5
10	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	33,793,521.9	3.4
11	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	30,536,880.5	3.1
12	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	22,068,617.3	2.2
13	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11,411,039.3	1.2
14	18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	9,833,730.1	1.0
15	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	9,600,133.1	1.0
		Other Food Imports	27,165,024.9	2.7
		Total Food Imports	987,856,280.9	100.0
		Total Imports	7,012,879,911.3	14.1

Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – October 2022



Note: * Others** combine Chapters 2,3, 5, 6, 12,13 & 14

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

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BWP Pula	%
1	220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, perry, mead, sake)	58,863,163.1	28.5
2	220300	Beer; made from malt	44,488,653.5	21.5
3	220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, n.e.s. in item no. 2202.10, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading no. 2009	41,248,616.7	20.0
4	220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	24,108,803.2	11.7
5	220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 litres or less	8,711,389.9	4.2
		Other	29,321,846.6	14.2
		Total	206,742,473.1	100.0

b) Cereals

Rank	HS Code	HS Description	BWP Pula	%
1	100590	Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed	62,216,745.5	40.3
2	100630	Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	40,880,251.8	26.5
3	100199	Cereals; wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	37,383,737.1	24.2
		Other	13,978,577.6	9.1
		Total	154,459,312.0	100.0

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