

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

October 2023

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P8, 342.0** million during the month of October 2023. In this amount, food imports contributed 17.3 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Cereals accounted for 33.2 percent and 12.9 percent of food imports respectively. Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants followed with 7.7 percent.

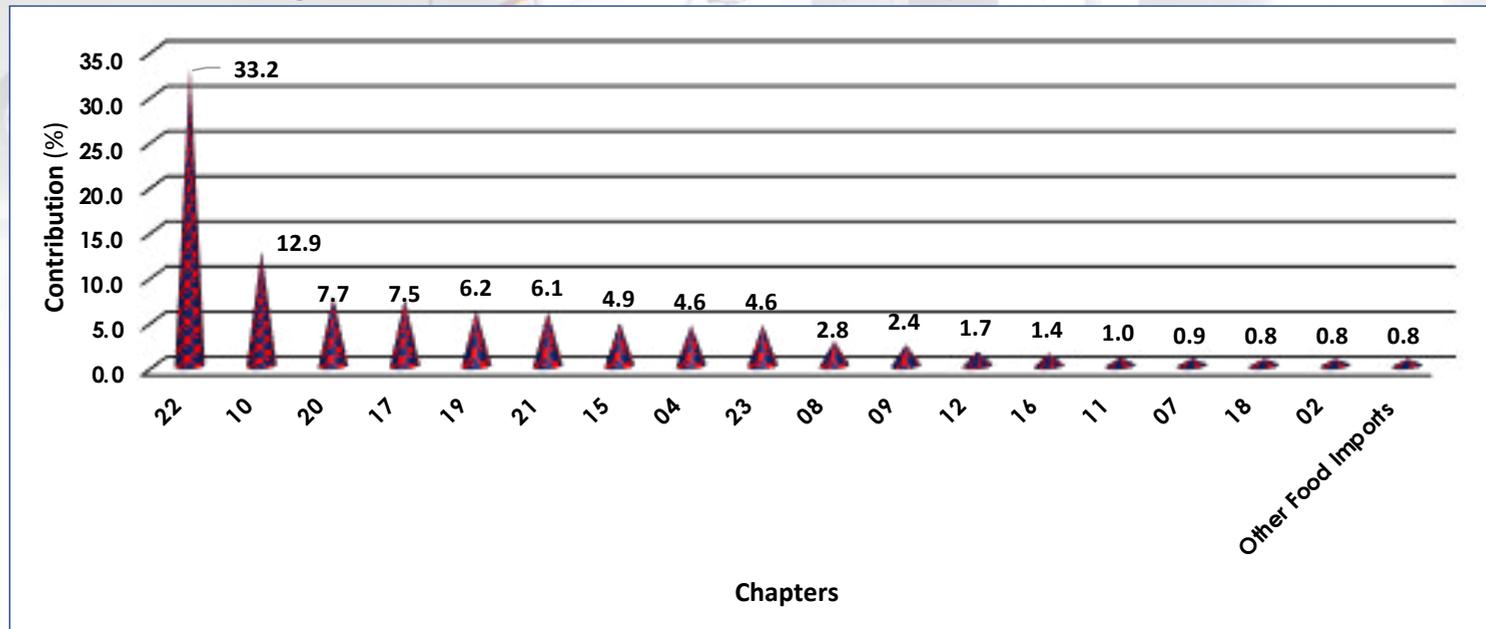
Among Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, the most imported commodity were Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, accounting for 55.7 percent. Beer made from malt and Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, and sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages made contributions of 14.4 percent and 13.0 percent respectively.

Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption, excluding popcorn and Wheat & Meslin, not Durum other than Seed, accounted for 39.3 percent and 27.4 percent to the cereal chapter.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – September and October 2023 (Pula)

HS	Year	October (Million Pula)	% Contribution	September (Million Pula)	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	479.8	33.2	444.2	8.0
10	Cereals	185.9	12.9	160.6	15.8
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	111.4	7.7	82.9	34.4
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	107.8	7.5	60.2	79.1
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	89.5	6.2	84.2	6.3
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	87.8	6.1	98.3	(10.7)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	70.6	4.9	702.0	(89.9)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	66.5	4.6	64.8	2.6
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	66.4	4.6	59.6	11.4
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	40.2	2.8	37.6	7.0
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	34.2	2.4	41.9	(18.3)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	23.9	1.7	15.1	58.1
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	20.9	1.4	12.0	73.9
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	13.9	1.0	14.5	(4.2)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	12.4	0.9	14.2	(12.9)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	11.8	0.8	16.4	(27.8)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	11.6	0.8	15.0	(22.4)
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	7.8	0.5	4.1	89.2
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2.2	0.1	2.5	(13.3)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	1.7	0.1	1.1	51.3
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.0	0.0	(97.9)
	Total Food Imports	1,446.2	100.0	1,299.4	11.3
	Non Food Imports	6,895.8		6,425.3	7.3
	Total Imports	8,342.0		7,724.7	8.0

Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – October 2023



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

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

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	267.1	55.7
220300	Beer made from malt:	69.0	14.4
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages	62.4	13.0
220299	Other Waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar	33.7	7.0
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less:; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	8.4	1.8
220850	Gin and Geneva:	6.2	1.3
220870	Liqueurs and cordials:; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	5.7	1.2
220429	Other Unfortified wine/ Fortified wine:	5.5	1.2
220890	Other spirituous beverages In containers holding 2 li or less	5.4	1.1
220830	Whiskies:	3.3	0.7
	Others	13.1	2.7
	Total	479.8	100.0

b) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Dried Maize (Corn) kernels or grains fit for human consumption	73.0	39.3
100199	Wheat & Meslin, not Durum wheat, other than Seed	51.0	27.4
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	36.2	19.5
100640	Broken rice	14.0	7.5
100790	Other (Grain Sorghum)	10.6	5.7
100510	Maize (Corn) Seed	0.7	0.4
	Others	0.5	0.3
	Total	185.9	100.0

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

HS	Description	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
02	Meat and edible meat offal	9.8	10.2	7.7	10.0	10.9	12.4	7.6	9.6	15.0	11.6
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	3.7	3.5	4.4	6.6	4.1	2.4	2.1	8.0	4.2	7.8
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	49.8	51.9	53.3	56.3	55.0	58.0	61.8	64.5	64.8	66.5
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	0.2	1.3	2.1	0.6	2.5	0.6	1.4	1.9	1.2	1.7
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1.8	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.2
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11.7	13.8	19.6	17.0	21.5	19.5	12.0	13.2	14.2	12.4
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	41.5	39.3	44.2	33.3	28.5	33.3	32.8	35.5	37.6	40.2
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	17.3	31.0	34.9	33.7	30.0	43.9	43.7	40.0	41.9	34.2
10	Cereals	187.5	176.7	174.6	138.7	180.9	237.8	195.8	165.5	161.2	185.9
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12.5	12.1	12.7	13.9	10.6	12.5	11.6	14.8	14.5	13.9
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	14.8	8.9	8.9	6.7	6.8	10.5	8.6	13.0	15.6	23.9
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	31.7	40.8	48.4	47.4	67.9	64.6	61.9	72.5	70.2	70.6
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	32.8	23.5	17.9	16.2	15.9	16.5	19.4	24.0	12.0	20.9
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	64.2	158.9	71.9	60.1	88.6	110.0	88.7	110.2	60.4	107.8
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	4.5	11.6	11.3	11.5	10.4	11.1	8.2	13.1	16.5	11.8
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	65.8	79.4	85.7	80.5	92.0	93.6	95.3	89.0	84.7	89.5
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	78.1	72.4	89.5	61.9	82.6	71.6	90.9	88.0	84.0	111.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	53.0	73.3	71.5	66.6	72.0	79.5	71.4	74.6	100.3	87.8
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	167.3	381.9	382.1	374.9	160.5	185.5	198.1	336.6	444.9	479.8
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	47.5	47.4	64.1	45.4	53.8	66.8	51.4	64.7	59.7	66.4
	Total Food Imports	895.3	1,241.0	1,207.4	1,083.6	997.0	1,132.1	1,064.9	1,240.7	1,305.4	1,446.2
	Non Food Imports	5,135.2	5,723.6	6,031.5	5,131.8	5,828.4	5,813.9	6,091.6	5,917.1	7,134.9	6,895.8
	Total Imports	6,030.5	6,964.6	7,238.9	6,215.4	6,825.4	6,946.0	7,156.4	7,157.9	8,440.3	8,342.0

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