

# BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

## September 2023

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 7,724.7 million** in September 2023. In this amount, food imports contributed 16.8 percent (**P1, 299.4 million**) of total imports. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar contributed highest imported food items at 34.2 percent. Cereals and Miscellaneous edible preparations followed with 12.4 percent and 7.6 percent respectively.

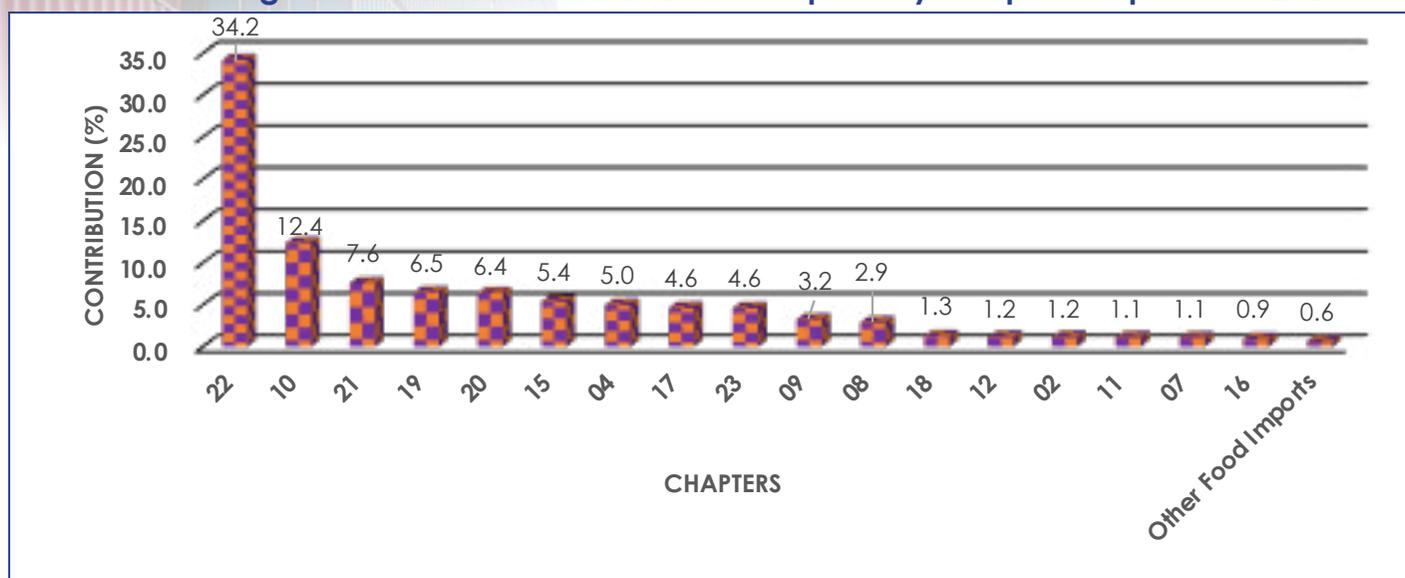
Within the Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar chapter, the most imported commodities were Mineral waters & aerated waters containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured and Beer from malt, accounting for 60.0 percent and 15.5 percent respectively. Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake) and mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages contributed 10.4 percent.

Regarding Cereals chapter, Other wheat & muslin and Other Maize (Corn) contributed 45.5 percent and 33.0 percent in that order. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice whether or not polished or glazed contributed 13.9 percent to the chapter.

**Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) Imports – August and September 2023 (Million' Pula)**

HS (Chapters)	Chapter Description \ Period	September	% Contribution	August	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	444.2	34.2	336.6	32.0
10	Cereals	160.6	12.4	165.5	(2.9)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	98.3	7.6	74.6	31.6
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	84.2	6.5	89.0	(5.5)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	82.9	6.4	88.0	(5.8)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	70.2	5.4	72.5	(3.1)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	64.8	5.0	64.5	0.4
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	60.2	4.6	110.2	(45.4)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	59.6	4.6	64.7	(8.0)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	41.9	3.2	40.0	4.7
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	37.6	2.9	35.5	5.9
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	16.4	1.3	13.1	25.1
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	15.1	1.2	13.0	15.9
02	Meat and edible meat offal	15.0	1.2	9.6	56.5
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	14.5	1.1	14.8	(2.2)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	14.2	1.1	13.2	7.9
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	12.0	0.9	24.0	(49.9)
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	4.1	0.3	8.0	(49.3)
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2.5	0.2	2.0	27.5
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	1.1	0.1	1.9	(40.5)
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.6
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.0	0.0	454.9
	<b>Total Food Imports</b>	<b>1,299.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,240.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>
	<b>Non Food Imports</b>	<b>6,425.3</b>		<b>5,914.8</b>	<b>8.6</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>7,724.7</b>		<b>7,155.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>

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



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

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports –September 2023 (Million' Pula)

A. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar			
HS	Commodity Description	Value(BWP)	Contribution (%)
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	266.7	60.0
220300	Beer made from malt:	69.1	15.5
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, Perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages	46.1	10.4
220299	Other Non-alcoholic beer	26.0	5.9
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	9.7	2.2
220830	Whiskies:	5.3	1.2
220429	Other;; Unfortified wine;; Fortified wine:	4.3	1.0
	<b>Others</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>444.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

B. Cereals			
HS	Commodity Description	Value(BWP)	Contribution(%)
100199	Other Wheat and muslin	73.0	45.5
100590	Other Maize (Corn)	52.9	33.0
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	22.4	13.9
100640	Broken rice	8.4	5.3
100790	Other Grain Sorghum	3.2	2.0
	<b>Others</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>160.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

HS(Chapters)	Chapter Description \ Period	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	167.3	381.9	382.1	374.9	160.5	185.5	198.0	336.6	444.2
10	Cereals	187.5	176.7	174.6	138.7	180.9	237.8	195.8	165.5	160.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	53.0	73.3	71.5	66.6	72.0	79.5	71.4	74.6	98.3
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	65.8	79.4	85.7	80.5	92.0	93.6	95.2	89.0	84.2
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	82.9
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
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
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	64.2	158.9	71.9	60.1	88.6	110.0	88.7	110.2	60.2
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	59.6
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	17.3	31.0	34.9	33.7	30.0	43.9	43.7	40.0	41.9
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
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	4.5	11.6	11.3	11.5	10.4	11.1	8.2	13.1	16.4
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	15.1
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	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
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
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
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	4.1
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
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	1.1
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
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
	<b>Total Food Imports</b>	<b>895.3</b>	<b>1,241.0</b>	<b>1,207.4</b>	<b>1,083.6</b>	<b>997.0</b>	<b>1,132.1</b>	<b>1,064.6</b>	<b>1,240.7</b>	<b>1,299.4</b>
	<b>Non Food Imports</b>	<b>5,135.0</b>	<b>5,722.8</b>	<b>6,029.7</b>	<b>5,131.3</b>	<b>5,820.7</b>	<b>5,812.4</b>	<b>6,088.5</b>	<b>5,914.8</b>	<b>6,425.3</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>6,030.3</b>	<b>6,963.8</b>	<b>7,237.1</b>	<b>6,215.0</b>	<b>6,817.7</b>	<b>6,944.5</b>	<b>7,153.1</b>	<b>7,155.5</b>	<b>7,724.7</b>

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