

# BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

## July 2022

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 8,066,571,674** in July 2022. In this amount, Food imports contributed **P938, 486,809** translating to 11.6 percent. During the month under review, Cereals accounted for 17.0 percent of Food imports. Sugars & Sugar Confectionery and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar followed with 16.7 percent and 11.5 percent respectively.

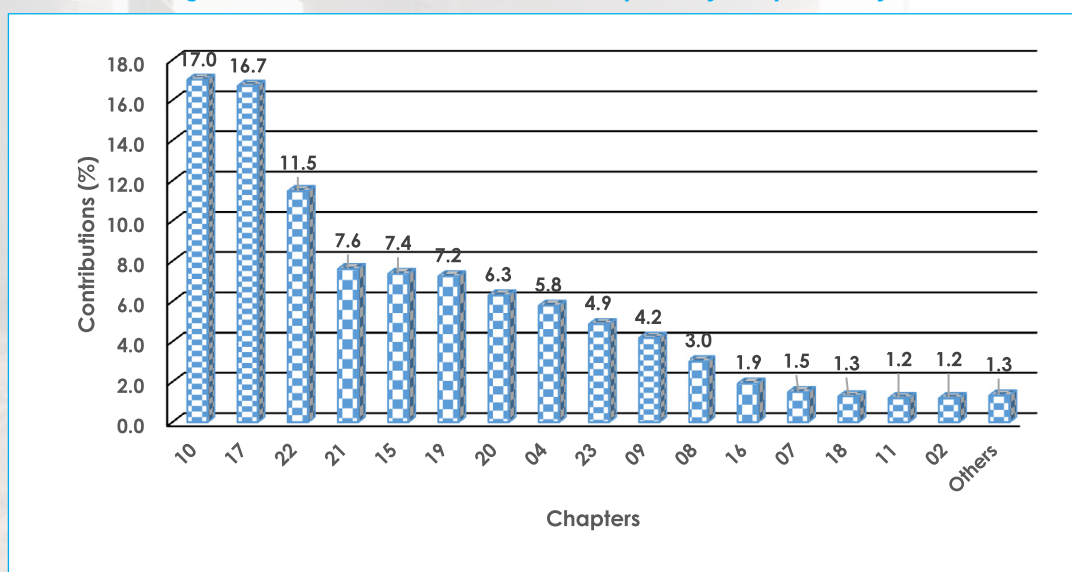
In July 2022, Maize (corn), other than seed were the most imported among Cereals at 44.4 percent. Wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed and Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed followed with 36.6 percent and 17.5 percent respectively.

Among Sugars & Sugar Confectionery the most imported types were Sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter accounting for 52.1 percent. Cane sugar, raw, in solid form, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter followed with a contributions of 17.0 percent.

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

	Chapter	Chapter Description \ Year	BW Pula	Contribution(%)
1	10	Cereals	159,743,382	17.0
2	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	156,789,090	16.7
3	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	107,723,752	11.5
4	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	71,442,367	7.6
5	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products;	69,178,442	7.4
6	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	68,027,325	7.2
7	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	59,103,660	6.3
8	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products	54,352,974	5.8
9	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	45,698,696	4.9
10	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	39,310,026	4.2
11	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	28,298,149	3.0
12	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates;	17,987,261	1.9
13	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	14,049,412	1.5
14	18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	12,008,577	1.3
15	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	11,192,007	1.2
16	02	Meat and edible meat offal	11,138,189	1.2
Other Food Imports			12,443,501	1.3
Total Food Imports			938,486,809	100.0
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## Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – July 2022



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

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

CEREALS			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	70,853,954	44.4
100199	Wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	58,402,073	36.6
100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	28,017,403	17.5
100640	Rice, broken	1,529,631	1.0
Other		940,322	0.6
Total		159,743,382	100.0
SUGARS & SUGAR CONFECTIONERY			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
170199	Sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	81,652,603	52.1
170114	Cane sugar, raw, in solid form, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	26,695,976	17.0
170191	Sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, containing added flavouring or colouring matter	22,572,785	14.4
170490	Sugar confectionery; (excluding chewing gum, including white chocolate), not containing cocoa	19,135,376	12.2
170410	Sugar confectionery; chewing gum, whether or not sugar-coated, not containing cocoa	3,192,841	2.0
Others		3,539,510	2.3
Total		156,789,090	100.0

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