

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

November 2023

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P9, 514.3 million** during the month of November 2023. In this amount, food imports contributed 14.8 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar and Cereals accounted for 32.3 percent and 11.5 percent of food imports respectively. Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants followed with 9.2 percent.

Among Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar, the most imported commodity was Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored, accounting for 53.6 percent. Beer made from malt contributed 14.0 percent to this group.

Other Maize (corn) and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether polished or not polished or glazed made contributions of 43.1 percent and 20.5 percent in that order, to the cereal chapter.

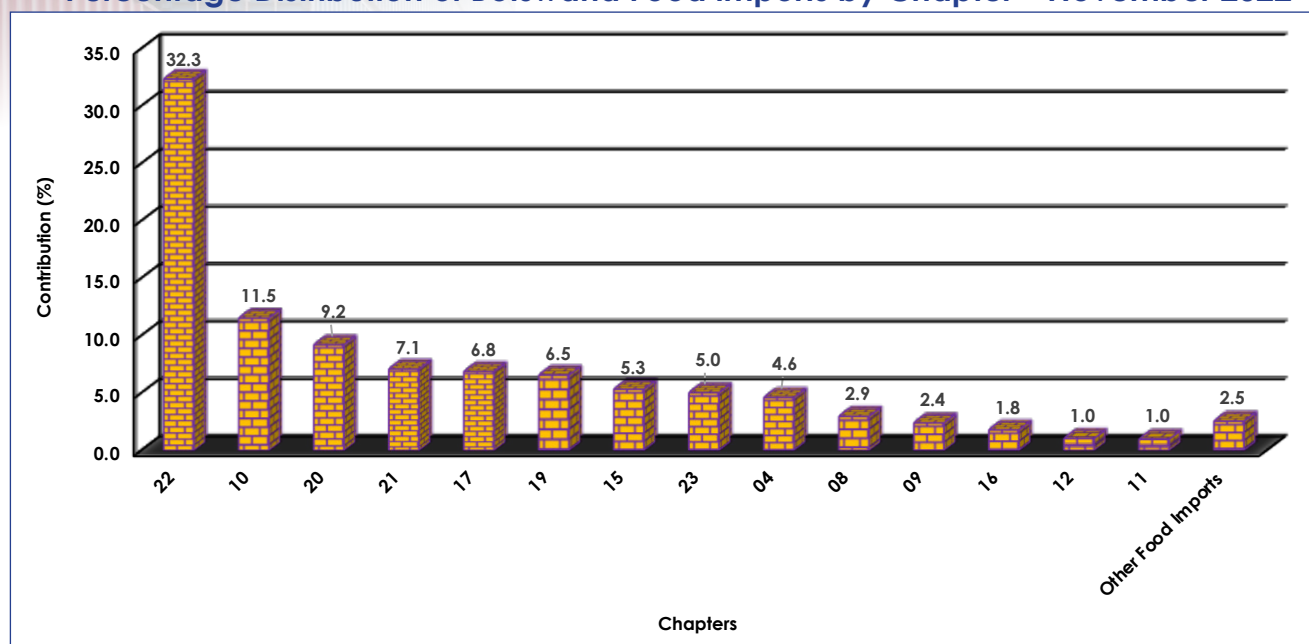
Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – October and November 2023 (Pula)

| HS | Description | November (Million Pula) | % Contribution | October (Million Pula) | % Change |
|----|--|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 22 | Beverages, spirits and vinegar | 455.0 | 32.3 | 479.8 | (5.2) |
| 10 | Cereals | 161.8 | 11.5 | 185.9 | (13.0) |
| 20 | Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants | 129.1 | 9.2 | 111.4 | 15.9 |
| 21 | Miscellaneous edible preparations | 99.4 | 7.1 | 87.8 | 13.3 |
| 17 | Sugars and sugar confectionery | 96.4 | 6.8 | 107.8 | (10.6) |
| 19 | Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products | 92.1 | 6.5 | 89.5 | 2.9 |
| 15 | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes | 74.8 | 5.3 | 70.6 | 6.0 |
| 23 | Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder | 70.5 | 5.0 | 66.4 | 6.2 |
| 04 | Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included | 64.7 | 4.6 | 66.5 | (2.7) |
| 08 | Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons | 41.5 | 2.9 | 40.2 | 3.1 |
| 09 | Coffee, tea, mate and spices | 33.6 | 2.4 | 34.2 | (1.8) |
| 16 | Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof | 25.1 | 1.8 | 20.9 | 20.1 |
| 12 | Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants, straw and fodder | 14.4 | 1.0 | 23.9 | (39.6) |
| 11 | Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten | 13.6 | 1.0 | 13.9 | (2.0) |
| 07 | Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible | 10.8 | 0.8 | 12.4 | (12.5) |
| 18 | Cocoa and cocoa preparations | 7.9 | 0.6 | 11.8 | (33.1) |
| 02 | Meat and edible meat offal | 7.7 | 0.5 | 11.6 | (33.5) |
| 03 | Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates | 5.2 | 0.4 | 7.8 | (32.5) |
| 06 | Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage | 2.4 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 9.8 |
| 05 | Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included | 1.3 | 0.1 | 1.7 | (18.9) |
| 14 | Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22,552.6 |
| 13 | Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 69.2 |
| | Total Food Imports | 1,407.7 | 100.0 | 1,446.2 | (2.7) |
| | Non Food Imports | 8,106.6 | | 6,895.8 | 17.6 |
| | Total Imports | 9,514.3 | | 8,342.0 | 14.1 |



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – November 2022



Note: "Others" combine Chapters 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 13, 14 & 18

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports – November 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: | 243.8 | 53.6 |
| 220300 | Beer made from malt: | 63.6 | 14.0 |
| 220600 | Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages | 62.8 | 13.8 |
| 220299 | Other non-alcoholic beverages(including milk-based drinks) | 42.2 | 9.3 |
| 220421 | In containers holding 2 li or less:: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine: | 10.2 | 2.2 |
| 220422 | In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li | 6.8 | 1.5 |
| 220830 | Whiskies | 4.7 | 1.0 |
| 220850 | Gin and Geneva | 4.5 | 1.0 |
| | Others | 16.5 | 3.6 |
| | Total | 455.0 | 100.0 |

| b) Cereals | | | |
|------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| HS Code | Description | BW Pula (Million) | % Contribution |
| 100590 | Other Maize (corn) | 69.8 | 43.1 |
| 100630 | Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 33.2 | 20.5 |
| 100199 | Wheat and Meslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed | 25.5 | 15.7 |
| 100640 | Broken rice | 14.4 | 8.9 |
| 100790 | Other grain sorghum | 12.2 | 7.5 |
| 100510 | Seed | 5.3 | 3.2 |
| | Others | 1.6 | 1.0 |
| | Total | 161.8 | 100.0 |



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

| HS | Description | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov |
|----|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 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 | 7.7 |
| 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 | 8.2 | 5.2 |
| 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 | 66.6 | 64.7 |
| 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 | 1.3 |
| 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 | 2.4 |
| 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 | 12.6 | 10.8 |
| 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 | 40.5 | 41.5 |
| 09 | Coffee, tea, mate and spices | 17.3 | 31.0 | 34.9 | 33.7 | 30.0 | 43.9 | 43.7 | 40.0 | 41.9 | 34.5 | 33.6 |
| 10 | Cereals | 187.5 | 176.7 | 174.6 | 138.7 | 180.9 | 237.8 | 195.8 | 165.5 | 161.2 | 188.2 | 161.8 |
| 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 | 13.6 |
| 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 | 25.0 | 14.4 |
| 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 | 0.1 |
| 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 | 0.2 |
| 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 | 74.8 |
| 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 | 21.4 | 25.1 |
| 17 | Sugars and sugar confectionery | 64.2 | 158.9 | 71.9 | 60.1 | 88.6 | 110.0 | 88.7 | 110.2 | 60.4 | 107.9 | 96.4 |
| 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 | 7.9 |
| 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 | 92.1 |
| 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 | 111.7 | 129.1 |
| 21 | Miscellaneous edible preparations | 53.0 | 73.3 | 71.5 | 66.6 | 72.0 | 79.5 | 71.4 | 74.7 | 100.3 | 87.8 | 99.4 |
| 22 | Beverages, spirits and vinegar | 167.3 | 381.9 | 382.1 | 374.9 | 160.5 | 185.5 | 198.1 | 336.6 | 445.0 | 485.3 | 455.0 |
| 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 | 66.9 | 70.5 |
| | Total Food Imports | 895.3 | 1,241.0 | 1,207.4 | 1,083.6 | 997.0 | 1,132.1 | 1,064.9 | 1,240.8 | 1,305.5 | 1,457.8 | 1,407.7 |
| | Non Food Imports | 5,135.4 | 5,723.6 | 6,031.5 | 5,131.9 | 5,828.9 | 5,814.7 | 6,092.3 | 5,917.8 | 7,163.4 | 7,099.3 | 8,106.6 |
| | Total Imports | 6,030.7 | 6,964.6 | 7,238.9 | 6,215.5 | 6,825.9 | 6,946.8 | 7,157.1 | 7,158.5 | 8,468.9 | 8,557.1 | 9,514.3 |

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