

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

October 2021

In October 2021, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P8,801,509,755.6**. In this amount, food imports amounted to **P995, 716,216.4**, translating to 11.3 percent. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar accounted for 21.4 percent of food imports, followed by Cereals and Miscellaneous edible preparations with 15.4 percent and 9.1 percent respectively.

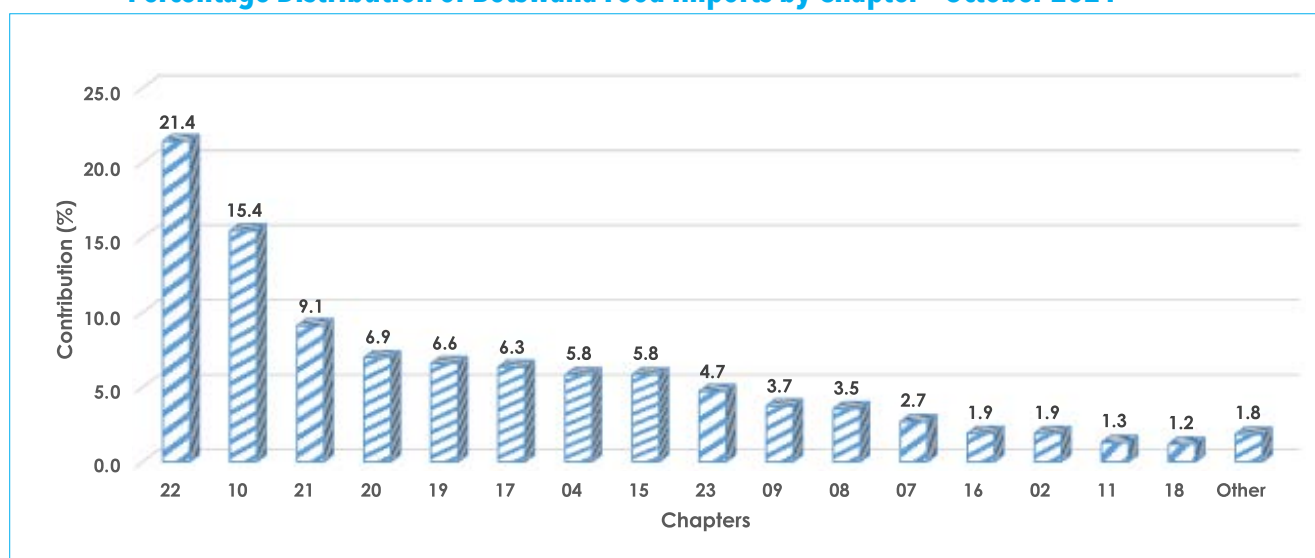
The most imported types of Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar during this period were "Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters containing added sugar or other sweetening matter", which contributed 21.5 percent. Non-alcoholic beverages and Beer made from malt, followed with a contributions of 19.2 percent each.

"Maize (Corn) other than seed" contributed 35.3 percent to Cereals. "Rice; Semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed" accounted for 28.3 percent to the cereal chapter.

Table 1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports - October 2021 (Pula)

Rank	Chapter	Chapter Description \ Year	BW Pula	Contribution(%)
1	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	213,156,526.8	21.4
2	10	Cereals	153,694,338.1	15.4
3	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	90,352,783.2	9.1
4	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	69,144,783.3	6.9
5	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	65,293,537.0	6.6
6	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	62,829,829.7	6.3
7	04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin,	57,778,646.8	5.8
8	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	57,736,280.3	5.8
9	23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	46,734,372.9	4.7
10	09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	36,957,722.4	3.7
11	08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	35,140,030.8	3.5
12	07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	26,623,734.4	2.7
13	16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	18,792,564.3	1.9
14	02	Meat and edible meat offal	18,779,829.0	1.9
15	11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12,781,252.3	1.3
16	18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	11,692,960.7	1.2
Other Food Imports			18,227,024.4	1.8
Total Food Imports			995,716,216.4	11.3
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – October 2021



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

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports –October 2021

Beverages			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
220210	Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	45,931,058.9	21.5
220299	Non-alcoholic beverages; other than non-alcoholic beer, not including fruit or vegetable juices	41,025,914.8	19.2
220300	Beer; made from malt	40,867,106.7	19.2
220600	Beverages, fermented; (e.g. cider, Perry, mead, sake)	40,794,764.7	19.1
220421	Wine; still, in containers holding 2 liters or less	12,856,568.8	6.0
220830	Whiskies	5,757,192.0	2.7
220422	Wine; still, in containers holding more than 2 liters but not more than 10 liters	5,529,708.7	2.6
220850	Gin and Geneva	4,122,612.9	1.9
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	3,872,976.7	1.8
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	3,853,016.4	1.8
Other		8,545,606.3	4.0
Total		213,156,526.8	100.0
Cereals			
HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula	Contributions (%)
100590	Maize (corn), other than seed	54,286,264.0	35.3
100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	43,443,113.1	28.3
100199	Wheat and muslin, other than durum wheat, other than seed	31,434,360.5	20.5
100510	Maize (corn), seed	11,387,640.8	7.4
100640	Rice, broken	4,868,331.5	3.2
100620	Husked (brown) rice	4,207,528.3	2.7
100610	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	3,722,424.3	2.4
Other		344,675.7	0.2
Total		153,694,338.1	100.0

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