

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

January 2025

In January, Botswana's total imports were valued at P6, 653.2 million. In this amount, food & beverages imports amounted to P1, 092.9 million, representing 16.4 percent of total imports. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) and Cereals (Chapter 10) accounted for 20.2 percent and 17.1 percent of Food & Beverages imports in that order. Sugars and sugar confectionery (Chapter 17) followed with a contribution of 9.3 percent.

Beverages, spirits and vinegar was the most prominent commodity imported. The most imported types of Beverages, spirits and vinegar were Beer made from malt: accounting for 37.0 percent followed by Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included with a contribution of 24.3 percent. Other waters, including mineral waters and aerated, containing added sugar or flavoured & non -alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit,nut or vegetable juices) followed with a contribution of 16.2 percent.

Cereals was the second dominant commodity imported. Other Maize (corn) and Other grain Sorghum made contributions of 44.9 percent and 23.9 percent to chapter 10 respectively.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports –December 2024 and January 2025 (Million Pula)

HS	HS DESCRIPTION	Jan-25	% Contribution	Dec-24	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	220.4	20.2	228.3	(3.4)
10	Cereals	187.3	17.1	232.7	(19.5)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	101.3	9.3	102.7	(1.4)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	93.3	8.5	97.5	(4.3)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	81.6	7.5	144.3	(43.4)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	76.9	7.0	104.4	(26.4)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	64.3	5.9	71.8	(10.4)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	63.3	5.8	73.9	(14.3)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	58.2	5.3	68.7	(15.3)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	48.6	4.4	54.7	(11.1)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	19.8	1.8	28.7	(30.9)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	15.5	1.4	12.4	25.3
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	13.8	1.3	23.6	(41.4)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	12.5	1.1	7.4	69.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal	11.3	1.0	21.8	(47.9)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11.0	1.0	17.7	(38.0)
	Other	13.7	1.2	34.7	(60.6)
Total Food & Beverages Imports		1,092.9	16.4	1,325.2	(17.5)
Non-Food & Beverages Imports		5,560.3	83.6	6,734.6	(17.4)
Total Imports		6,653.2	100.0	8,059.9	(17.5)

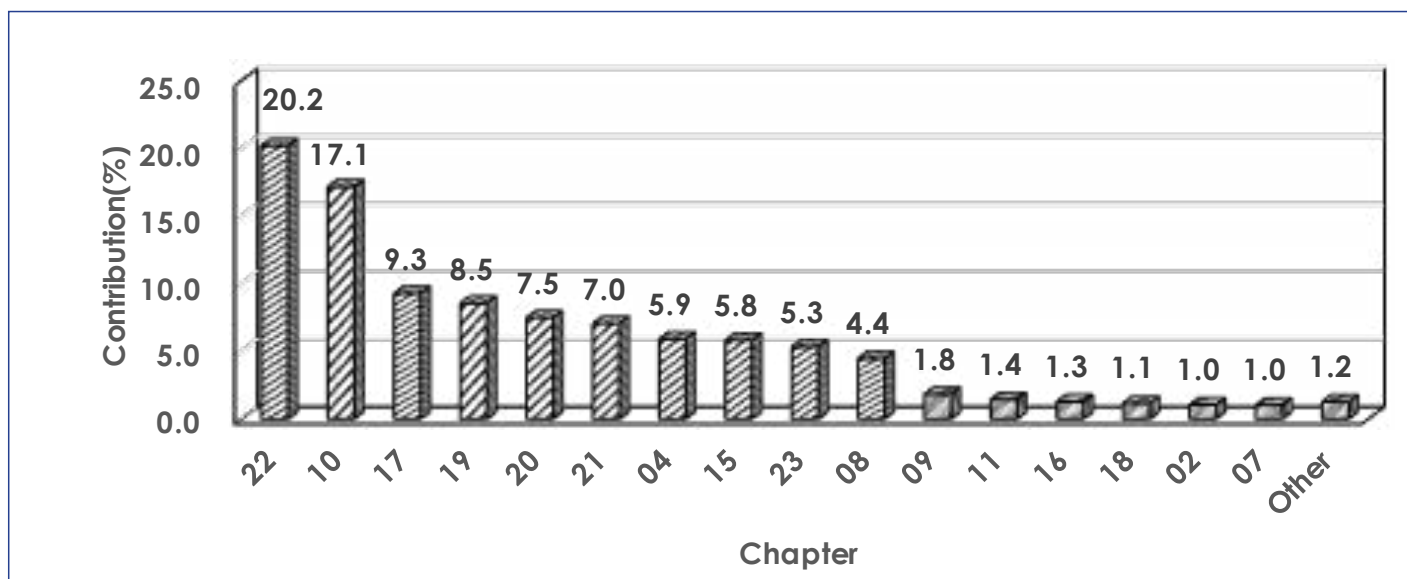
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –January 2025



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TABLE 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports – January 2025

a) BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR

HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt:	81.5	37.0
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, Perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages	53.5	24.3
220299	Other waters, including mineral waters & water aerated, containing added sugar or flavoured & non-alcoholic beverages(excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices)	35.8	16.2
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	17.2	7.8
220870	Liqueurs & cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	7.9	3.6
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	4.9	2.2
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	4.8	2.2
220890	Other;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	2.8	1.3
220291	Non-alcoholic beer	2.1	1.0
Other		10.0	4.5
Total		220.4	100.0



b) CEREALS

HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	84.1	44.9
100790	Other grain Sorghum (not for sowing)	44.7	23.9
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	36.8	19.6
100199	Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed	16.6	8.8
100610	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	2.1	1.1
	Other	3.0	1.6
	Total	220.4	100.0

TABLE 3: Botswana Food & Beverages Imports (Excluding Live Animals) – January 2024 to January 2025 (Million' Pula)

Period \ HS	22	10	17	19	20	21	04	15	23	08	09	11	16	18	02	07	Other	Total
Jan_2024	188.6	233.4	92.6	77.7	101.7	95.2	62.7	32.7	59.6	46.4	34.5	13.4	13.7	8.6	10.2	13.1	17.5	1,101.6
Feb	188.4	237.5	77.8	91.6	92.9	75.3	57.8	60.8	55.3	42.3	31.2	15.3	23.2	13.5	6.3	11.4	21.3	1,102.0
Mar	222.8	262.0	85.9	74.4	96.0	79.4	66.2	52.6	54.1	47.7	30.0	15.6	23.6	9.3	13.0	14.0	14.0	1,160.5
Q1	599.8	732.8	256.3	243.8	290.6	249.8	186.7	146.1	169.0	136.4	95.7	44.3	60.6	31.4	29.6	38.5	52.9	3,364.1
Apr	224.9	183.6	83.6	111.1	110.9	75.7	59.3	56.8	63.2	44.1	34.8	14.5	15.1	9.1	14.9	16.4	21.3	1,139.4
May	189.1	281.0	108.4	101.2	91.0	92.0	66.4	58.9	70.0	36.1	43.8	19.2	17.5	12.2	22.7	16.4	24.3	1,250.3
Jun	166.9	184.1	83.1	107.7	84.6	96.4	78.5	63.9	58.1	33.9	51.3	15.9	20.2	16.5	18.1	15.6	21.9	1,116.7
Q2	580.9	648.7	275.1	320.0	286.5	264.1	204.2	179.5	191.4	114.1	129.9	49.6	52.9	37.8	55.7	48.4	67.5	3,506.4
Jul	190.8	216.2	106.5	115.0	93.3	82.2	69.4	70.1	78.6	38.6	40.7	19.4	33.0	19.6	18.1	15.4	26.4	1,233.3
Aug	219.3	258.2	123.4	101.4	100.7	94.3	71.8	67.4	76.8	41.0	50.8	13.6	20.8	15.1	20.7	12.9	33.0	1,321.5
Sep	222.4	163.2	99.3	86.3	101.0	111.2	66.6	68.2	70.1	47.2	37.2	16.3	19.9	16.7	20.4	9.7	44.5	1,200.2
Q3	632.5	637.7	329.2	302.7	295.1	287.7	207.8	205.7	225.5	126.8	128.7	49.4	73.8	51.4	59.2	38.0	103.9	3,755.0
Oct	240.5	207.1	110.3	106.1	122.4	100.4	74.9	63.0	74.5	50.2	38.9	20.7	23.6	13.2	20.8	6.4	30.1	1,303.1
Nov	252.7	316.4	112.3	94.6	146.6	121.7	69.1	50.4	77.4	51.1	51.0	18.5	17.5	10.8	13.6	8.4	32.6	1,444.7
Dec	228.3	232.7	102.7	97.5	144.3	104.4	71.8	73.9	68.7	54.7	28.7	12.4	23.6	7.4	21.8	17.7	34.7	1,325.2
Q4	721.4	756.2	325.4	298.1	413.4	326.6	215.8	187.3	220.6	156.0	118.7	51.6	64.7	31.5	56.1	32.6	97.3	4,073.1
Total_2024	2,534.6	2,775.4	1,186.0	1,164.6	1,285.6	1,128.1	814.5	718.6	806.4	533.3	473.0	194.8	251.9	152.1	200.6	157.5	321.6	14,698.6
Jan_2025	220.4	187.3	101.3	93.3	81.6	76.9	64.3	63.3	58.2	48.6	19.8	15.5	13.8	12.5	11.3	11.0	13.7	1,092.9
% Contribution																		
Dec	17.2	17.6	7.8	7.4	10.9	7.9	5.4	5.6	5.2	4.1	2.2	0.9	1.8	0.6	1.6	1.3	2.6	100.0
Jan	20.2	17.1	9.3	8.5	7.5	7.0	5.9	5.8	5.3	4.4	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	100.0

Annex 1: Chapters and Descriptions

HS	Description
02	Meat and edible meat offal
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices
10	Cereals
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations
22	Non-alcoholic beverages
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder



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