

Botswana Food & Beverage Imports

January 2026

Botswana received imports worth P6,525.2 million in January 2026. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to P1,249.1 million, representing 19.1 percent of total imports. The leading imported chapters among Food & Beverages imports, were Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) with contribution of 31.6 percent and 14.5 percent, respectively. Miscellaneous edible preparations (Chapter 21) constituted 7.6 percent.

Cereals as the leading commodity group imported during the period under consideration, major imports of food products in the chapter are, Other wheat, other than durum wheat (HS100199) and Other maize (corn) (HS100590) accounting for 64.2 percent and 24.6 percent, respectively. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (HS100630) followed with a contribution of 9.9 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the second dominant commodity group imported. The top three imported products among the Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar are Beer made from malt (HS220300), Other fermented beverages, (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverage (HS220600) and Other waters (HS220299) with contributions of 40.5 percent, 18.4 percent and 12.3 percent, respectively.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports –December 2025 and January 2026 (Million Pula)

HS Code	Description	Jan-26	% Contribution	Dec-25	Change	% Change
10	Cereals	394.7	31.6	190.9	(203.9)	(106.8)
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	181.6	14.5	188.5	6.9	3.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	95.3	7.6	93.8	(1.6)	(1.7)
20	Sugars and sugar confectionery	87.2	7.0	78.6	(8.6)	(11.0)
17	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	80.5	6.4	91.4	10.9	11.9
19	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	78.1	6.3	82.4	4.3	5.2
04	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	62.0	5.0	59.6	(2.4)	(4.1)
15	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	58.1	4.7	65.4	7.3	11.2
23	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	56.6	4.5	60.9	4.3	7.1
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	45.4	3.6	45.3	(0.1)	(0.3)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	28.0	2.2	35.1	7.1	20.3
16	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	19.1	1.5	11.9	(7.2)	(60.3)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	15.7	1.3	19.2	3.6	18.5
07	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	12.2	1.0	13.0	0.8	6.3
11	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	12.2	1.0	16.2	4.1	25.1
	Other	22.4	1.8	37.4	15.0	(1,317.4)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,249.1	19.1	1,089.5	(159.6)	(1,392.4)
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	5,276.1	80.9	5,483.2	(207.1)	(3.8)
	Total Imports	6,525.2	100.0	6,572.7	(47.5)	(0.7)

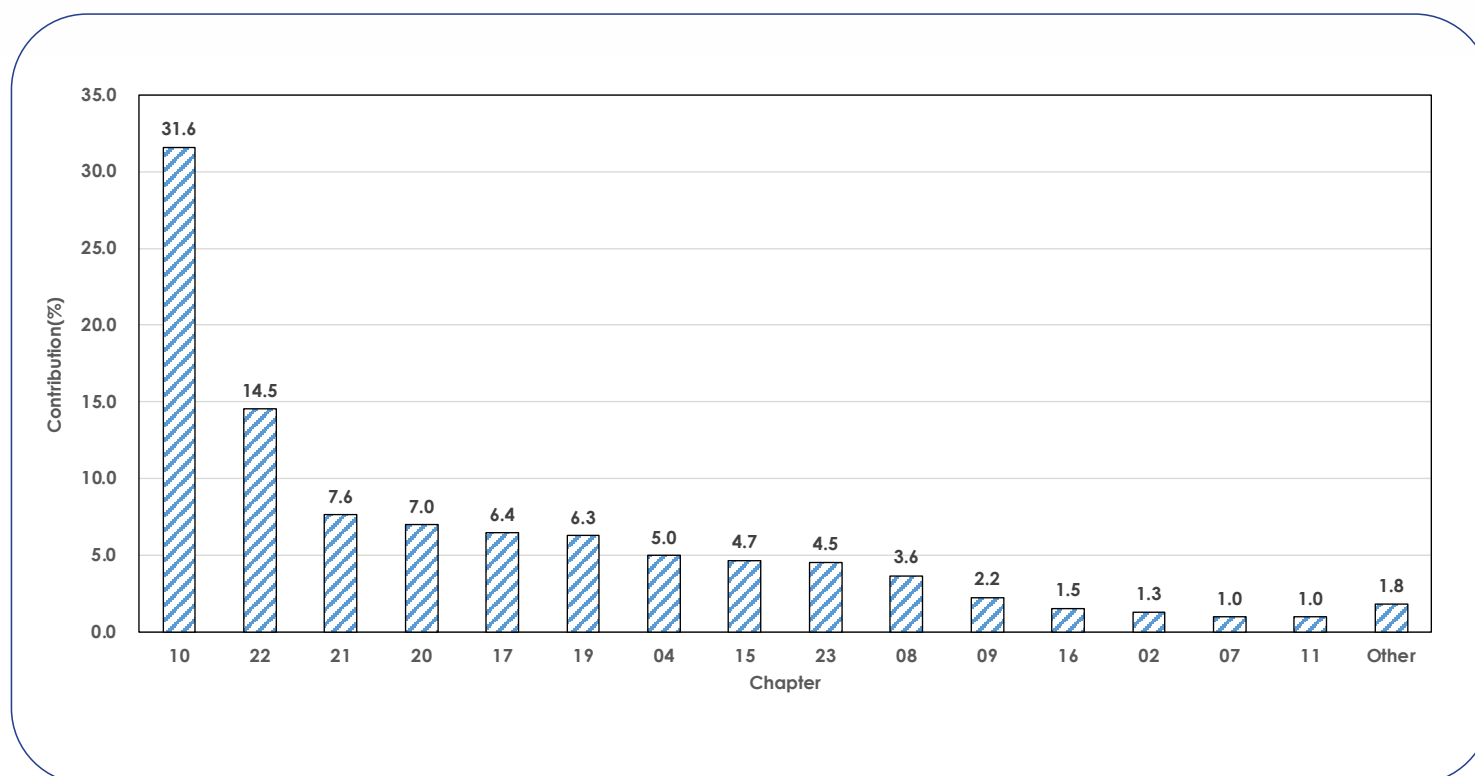
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – January 2026



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Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food & beverages Imports – January 2026 (Million' Pula)

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100199	Other wheat, other than durum wheat	253.2	64.2
100590	Other maize (corn)	96.9	24.6
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	39.1	9.9
100510	Seed maize (corn)	4.0	1.0
	Other	1.5	0.4
	Total	394.7	100.0

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt:	73.5	40.5
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included	33.4	18.4
220299	Other Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured, and other non-alcoholic beverages, (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices)	22.3	12.3
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	15.1	8.3
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less:: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	8.3	4.6
220850	Gin and Geneva:	6.0	3.3
220870	Liqueurs and cordials:: In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	5.9	3.3
220422	Other wines: grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by addition of alcohol; In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	5.9	3.2
220830	Whiskies:	2.8	1.6
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc:	2.0	1.1
	Other	6.4	3.5
	Total	181.6	100.0

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Table 3: Botswana Food & Beverages Imports (Excluding Live Animals) – January 2025 to January 2026 (Million' Pula)

Period \ HS	10	22	21	20	17	19	04	15	23	08	09	16	02	07	11	Other	Total
Jan_2025	187.3	221.6	77.7	83.2	101.3	93.6	64.3	64.1	58.2	48.6	19.9	13.8	11.3	11.0	15.5	26.3	1,097.7
Feb	243.3	256.5	88.3	94.7	94.8	94.9	64.8	47.5	54.3	51.1	45.9	22.7	17.3	12.5	18.0	36.1	1,242.6
Mar	262.8	160.0	90.1	95.6	107.7	104.0	74.3	49.3	57.9	49.0	37.8	29.5	14.3	19.7	31.2	31.3	1,214.5
Q1	693.4	638.1	256.0	273.4	303.9	292.5	203.4	160.8	170.4	148.6	103.6	65.9	43.0	43.2	64.8	93.7	3,554.8
Apr	200.7	129.4	76.8	94.9	88.1	97.4	56.9	54.7	45.7	38.3	25.5	22.1	21.7	36.3	16.2	49.2	1,054.0
May	216.5	168.5	112.7	110.5	99.5	112.3	66.3	78.3	68.5	37.8	48.4	23.5	16.8	31.5	14.7	55.8	1,261.6
Jun	167.9	166.7	84.5	89.3	111.9	107.0	62.0	76.0	52.7	28.0	45.5	9.0	15.6	16.2	13.9	43.8	1,090.1
Q2	585.2	464.6	274.0	294.6	299.5	316.7	185.2	209.0	166.9	104.2	119.3	54.6	54.1	83.9	44.9	148.9	3,405.7
Jul	143.1	148.0	82.8	86.9	79.9	98.5	63.3	82.2	55.8	26.4	39.0	13.0	23.0	15.9	13.6	38.7	1,010.0
Aug	196.2	184.5	93.5	98.3	119.0	110.2	77.7	83.8	68.7	37.9	44.2	10.6	16.3	18.3	14.2	43.5	1,216.9
Sep	179.0	238.3	85.8	100.2	115.8	102.4	64.9	66.2	60.1	37.6	32.8	10.8	21.5	13.1	17.2	33.4	1,179.0
Q3	518.3	570.7	262.1	285.3	314.7	311.1	205.9	232.3	184.7	101.8	116.0	34.4	60.8	47.3	45.0	115.6	3,405.9
Oct	164.1	206.8	128.3	98.6	87.4	91.8	74.8	71.9	74.6	45.3	44.4	24.3	22.6	10.8	16.7	43.3	1,205.6
Nov	205.8	247.5	120.2	103.1	97.3	128.7	74.1	90.1	61.1	44.6	41.2	18.0	21.8	7.8	17.5	35.7	1,314.4
Dec	190.9	188.5	93.8	78.6	91.4	82.4	59.6	65.4	60.9	45.3	35.1	11.9	19.2	13.0	16.2	37.4	1,089.5
Q4	560.7	642.8	342.2	280.3	276.1	302.8	208.5	227.3	196.6	135.1	120.6	54.3	63.6	31.6	50.5	116.4	3,609.5
Total_2025	2,357.6	2,316.3	1,134.4	1,133.7	1,194.2	1,223.1	803.0	829.5	718.6	489.8	459.5	209.2	221.4	206.0	205.1	474.6	13,975.9
Jan_2026	394.7	181.6	95.3	87.2	80.5	78.1	62.0	58.1	56.6	45.4	28.0	19.1	15.7	12.2	12.2	22.4	1,249.1
% Contribution																	
Dec_2025	17.5	17.3	8.6	7.2	8.4	7.6	5.5	6.0	5.6	4.2	3.2	1.1	1.8	1.2	1.5	3.4	100.0
Jan_2026	31.6	14.5	7.6	7.0	6.4	6.3	5.0	4.7	4.5	3.6	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.8	100.0

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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, insulin, 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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