

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

October 2024



Botswana's total imports were valued at P8, 189.7 million during October 2024. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P 1, 208.6 million, representing 14.8 percent of total imports. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) and Cereals (Chapter 10) accounted for 19.4 percent and 16.3 percent of food & beverages imports in that order. Preparations of vegetables, fruits, nuts or other parts of plants (Chapter 21) followed with a contribution of 10.1 percent.

During October 2024, Beverages, spirits & vinegar was the dominant commodity imported. In this chapter (22), the Beer made from malt and Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages, mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages were leading with contributions of 31.0 percent and 22.7 percent. Other waters, including mineral waters & aerated, containing added sugar or flavoured & non-alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices) followed with contributions of 14.6 percent to chapter 22 respectively.

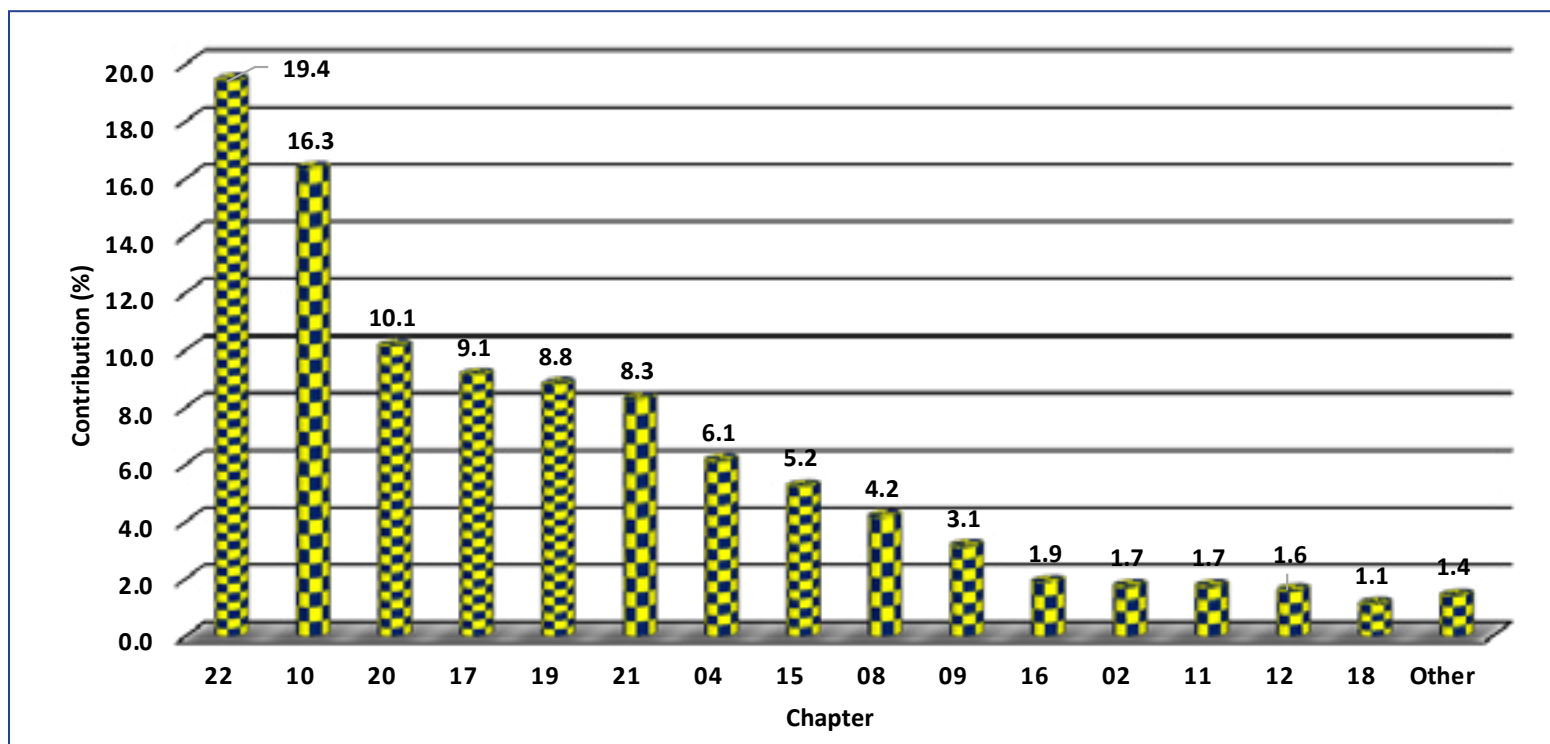
Among the Cereals imports, the most prominent commodity was Maize (corn) accounting for 49.8 percent. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed and Other grain sorghum followed with contributions of 26.9 percent and 13.2 percent respectively.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – October and September 2024 (Million Pula)

HS	Description	October	% Contribution	September	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	234.6	19.4	218.8	(7.2)
10	Cereals	197.5	16.3	163.1	(21.1)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	122.4	10.1	100.3	(22.0)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	110.2	9.1	99.3	(11.0)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	106.1	8.8	86.2	(23.1)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	99.9	8.3	109.7	9.0
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	74.0	6.1	66.6	(11.1)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	63.0	5.2	67.4	6.6
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	50.2	4.2	47.2	(6.3)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	37.7	3.1	37.2	(1.2)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	22.7	1.9	19.9	(13.8)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	20.8	1.7	20.0	(3.8)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	20.7	1.7	16.3	(26.9)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	18.9	1.6	22.5	16.2
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	13.1	1.1	16.6	21.1
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	6.4	0.5	9.7	33.7
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	4.4	0.4	8.7	49.8
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	3.5	0.3	3.6	2.3
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	2.6	0.2	9.4	72.6
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,208.6	14.8	1,122.7	14.3
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	6,981.2	85.2	6,742.5	85.7
	Total Imports	8,189.7	100.0	7,865.1	100.0



Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – October 2024



Note: 'Others' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06 & 07

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports – October 2024

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	727.2	31.0
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	533.1	22.7
220299	Other waters, including mineral waters \$ aerated , cointaing added sugar or flavoured & non-alcoholic beverages(excluding fruit,nut or vegeable juices)	343.1	14.6
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	205.1	8.7
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	140.2	6.0
220830	Whiskies	123.6	5.3
220870	Liqueurs and cordials; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	70.6	3.0
220850	Gin and Geneva	53.2	2.3
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	32.1	1.4
	Other	117.6	5.0
	Total	2,345.6	100.0

b) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other maize (corn)	98.4	49.8
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	53.1	26.9
100790	Other grain sorghum	26.0	13.2
100199	Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed	11.4	5.8
100610	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	6.2	3.1
100640	Broken rice	1.4	0.7
	Other	1.0	0.5
	Total	197.5	100.0

Table 3: Botswana Food & Beverages Imports (Excluding Live Animals) – January 2023 to October 2024 (Million' Pula)

Period \ HS	22	10	20	17	19	21	04	15	08	09	16	02	11	12	18	Other	Total
Jan_2023	167.3	187.5	78.1	64.2	65.8	53.0	49.8	31.7	41.5	17.3	32.8	9.8	12.5	14.8	4.5	20.8	851.2
Feb	381.9	176.7	72.4	158.9	79.4	73.3	51.9	40.8	39.3	31.0	23.5	10.2	12.1	8.9	11.6	24.3	1,196.3
Mar	382.1	174.6	89.5	71.9	85.7	71.5	53.3	48.4	44.2	34.9	17.9	7.7	12.7	8.9	11.3	31.7	1,146.2
Q1	931.4	538.8	240.0	295.0	230.9	197.8	155.0	120.9	125.1	83.2	74.2	27.7	37.2	32.6	27.4	76.7	3,193.7
Apr	374.9	138.7	62.4	60.1	80.5	66.6	56.4	47.4	33.3	33.7	16.2	10.0	13.9	6.7	11.5	28.2	1,040.6
May	160.5	180.9	82.6	88.6	92.0	72.0	55.0	67.9	28.5	30.0	15.9	10.9	10.6	6.8	10.4	34.8	947.4
Jun	185.5	237.8	71.6	110.0	93.6	79.5	58.0	64.6	33.3	43.9	16.5	12.4	12.5	10.5	11.1	27.2	1,068.1
Q2	721.0	557.3	216.7	258.7	266.1	218.1	169.4	179.9	95.1	107.6	48.7	33.3	37.1	24.0	33.0	90.1	3,056.1
Jul	198.3	195.8	90.9	88.7	95.3	71.4	61.8	61.9	32.8	43.7	19.4	7.6	11.6	8.6	8.2	20.2	1,016.3
Aug	336.7	165.5	88.0	110.2	89.0	74.7	64.5	72.5	35.5	40.0	24.0	9.6	14.8	13.0	13.1	29.8	1,180.8
Sep	463.9	161.2	84.0	60.4	84.7	100.3	64.8	70.2	37.6	41.9	12.0	15.0	14.5	15.6	16.5	26.1	1,268.8
Q3	998.9	522.5	263.0	259.3	269.1	246.4	191.2	204.6	105.9	125.6	55.3	32.3	40.9	37.2	37.9	76.2	3,465.9
Oct	485.4	188.3	111.7	107.9	89.5	87.8	66.6	70.6	40.5	34.5	21.4	11.6	13.9	25.0	11.8	28.2	1,394.8
Nov	457.0	162.0	129.1	96.4	92.1	101.3	64.7	74.8	41.5	33.6	25.1	7.7	13.9	14.6	8.0	28.2	1,350.0
Dec	231.9	147.9	90.8	79.6	77.6	81.4	54.8	58.8	40.2	21.5	17.5	7.5	15.1	11.5	7.4	21.8	965.4
Q4	1,174.3	498.3	331.6	283.9	259.2	270.5	186.1	204.2	122.2	89.7	64.0	26.9	42.9	51.0	27.2	78.2	3,710.1
Total_2023	3,825.5	2,116.9	1,051.3	1,096.9	1,025.3	932.8	701.6	709.5	448.3	406.0	242.2	120.1	158.0	144.8	125.4	321.2	13,425.7
Jan_2024	243.1	233.4	102.1	92.6	77.7	95.2	62.7	32.7	46.4	34.5	13.7	10.2	13.4	12.0	8.6	22.0	1,100.3
Feb	220.3	237.5	93.5	77.8	91.6	75.3	57.8	60.8	42.3	31.2	23.2	6.3	15.3	10.0	13.5	25.6	1,082.0
Mar	257.9	262.0	97.2	85.9	74.4	79.4	66.2	52.6	47.7	30.0	23.6	13.0	15.6	9.3	9.3	21.1	1,145.2
Q1	721.2	732.8	292.9	256.3	243.8	249.8	186.7	146.1	136.4	95.7	60.6	29.6	44.3	31.3	31.4	68.7	3,327.5
Apr	224.9	183.6	110.9	83.6	111.1	75.7	59.3	56.8	44.1	34.8	15.1	14.9	14.5	11.2	9.1	53.5	1,103.2
May	192.6	281.0	91.0	108.4	101.2	92.0	66.4	58.9	36.1	43.8	17.5	22.7	19.2	14.4	12.2	50.6	1,208.1
Jun	198.5	184.1	85.6	83.1	107.7	96.4	78.5	63.9	33.9	51.3	20.2	18.1	15.9	14.2	16.5	27.1	1,094.9
Q2	616.1	648.7	287.5	275.1	320.0	264.1	204.2	179.5	114.1	129.9	52.9	55.7	49.6	39.7	37.8	131.1	3,406.2
Jul	231.2	216.2	93.9	106.5	114.8	82.1	69.4	70.1	38.6	40.6	33.0	18.1	19.4	18.5	19.6	27.7	1,199.7
Aug	236.4	258.2	101.2	123.4	101.4	94.3	71.8	67.4	41.0	50.8	20.8	20.7	13.6	19.0	15.1	31.0	1,266.3
Sep	257.5	163.2	101.0	99.3	86.3	111.2	66.6	68.2	47.2	37.2	19.9	20.4	16.3	22.6	16.7	36.2	1,170.0
Q3	725.2	637.7	296.1	329.2	302.5	287.6	207.8	205.7	126.8	128.6	73.8	59.2	49.4	60.1	51.4	94.8	3,635.9
Oct	234.6	197.5	122.4	110.2	106.1	99.9	74.0	63.0	50.2	37.7	22.7	20.8	20.7	18.9	13.1	16.9	1,208.6
% Contribution																	
Sep	22.0	14.0	8.6	8.5	7.4	9.5	5.7	5.8	4.0	3.2	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.9	1.4	3.1	100.0
Oct	19.4	16.3	10.1	9.1	8.8	8.3	6.1	5.2	4.2	3.1	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.4	100.0

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Annex 1: Chapters and Descriptions

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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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