

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

April 2025

Botswana's imports were valued at P6, 679.5 million in April 2025. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to P1, 049.0 million, representing 15.7 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) accounted for 19.1 percent and 12.3 percent of Food & Beverages imports in that order. Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks products (Chapter 19) and Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Chapter 20) followed with a contributions of 9.3 percent and 9.0 percent respectively.

In April 2025, cereals was the most imported commodity. Other Maize (corn), and other wheat & muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed were the most imported types of cereals accounting for 47.0 percent and 32.5 percent respectively. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed followed with a contribution of 17.0 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the second dominant commodity imported. Within this category, Beer made from malt accounting for 38.7 percent, followed by Other waters, including mineral waters & aerated, containing added sugar or flavoured & non -alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices) with a contribution of 17.0 percent. Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, was next with a contribution of 14.7 percent.

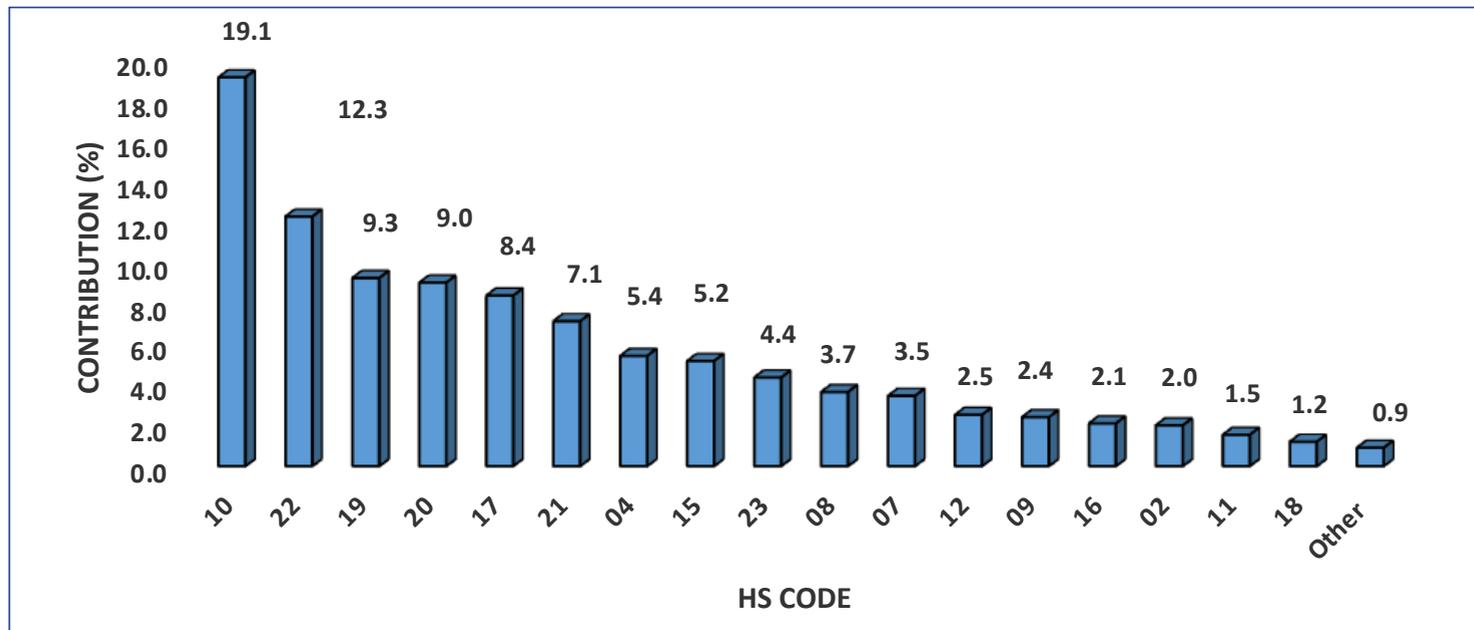
Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – March and April 2025 (Million Pula)

HS	HS DESCRIPTION	April-25	% Contribution	March-25	% Change
10	Cereals	200.6	19.1	262.8	(23.7)
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	128.8	12.3	160.0	(19.5)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	97.1	9.3	104.0	(6.6)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	94.7	9.0	95.6	(0.9)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	88.0	8.4	107.7	(18.3)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	74.8	7.1	90.0	(16.9)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	56.9	5.4	74.3	(23.4)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	54.3	5.2	49.3	10.1
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	45.7	4.4	57.9	(21.1)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	38.3	3.7	49.0	(21.8)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	36.3	3.5	19.7	84.3
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	26.5	2.5	7.6	248.7
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	25.3	2.4	37.7	(32.9)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	22.1	2.1	29.5	(25.1)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	21.1	2.0	14.3	47.6
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	16.2	1.5	31.2	(48.1)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	12.6	1.2	15.4	(18.2)
	Other	9.5	0.9	8.3	14.5
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,049.0	15.7	1,214.3	(13.6)
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	5,630.5	84.3	6,410.5	(12.2)
	Total Imports	6,679.5	100.0	7,624.8	(12.4)

Note: 'Other' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 12, 13 & 14



Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –April 2025



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Table 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports – April 2025 (Million' Pula)

a) Cereals

HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	94.4	47.0
100199	Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed	65.3	32.5
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	34.0	17.0
100640	Broken rice	3.4	1.7
100790	Other grain Sorghum other than seed	2.6	1.3
	Other	1.0	0.5
	Total	200.6	100.0

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar

HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	49.8	38.7
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)	21.9	17.0
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages	18.9	14.7
220210	Waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	11.0	8.5
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	9.8	7.6
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	3.4	2.6
220830	Whiskies	2.2	1.7
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	1.9	1.5
220429	Other;; Unfortified wine/ Fortified wine	1.8	1.4
220291	Non-alcoholic beer	1.6	1.2
220850	Gin and Geneva:	1.5	1.2
220890	Other;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	1.5	1.2
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	1.4	1.1
	Other	2.0	1.6
	Total	128.8	100.0

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

Period \ HS	10	22	19	20	17	21	4	15	23	8	9	11	18	Other	Total
Jan_2024	233.4	188.6	77.7	101.7	92.6	95.2	62.7	32.7	59.6	46.4	34.5	13.4	8.6	5.5	1,101.6
Feb	237.5	188.4	91.6	92.9	77.8	75.3	57.8	60.8	55.3	42.3	31.2	15.3	13.5	11.3	1,102.0
Mar	262	222.8	74.4	96	85.9	79.4	66.2	52.6	54.1	47.7	30	15.6	9.3	4.7	1,160.5
Q1	732.8	599.8	243.8	290.6	256.3	249.8	186.7	146.1	169	136.4	95.7	44.3	31.4	21.5	3,364.1
Apr	183.6	224.9	111.1	110.9	83.6	75.7	59.3	56.8	63.2	44.1	34.8	14.5	9.1	10.1	1,139.4
May	281	189.1	101.2	91	108.4	92	66.4	58.9	70	36.1	43.8	19.2	12.2	9.9	1,250.3
Jun	184.1	166.9	107.7	84.6	83.1	96.4	78.5	63.9	58.1	33.9	51.3	15.9	16.5	7.8	1,116.7
Q2	648.7	580.9	320	286.5	275.1	264.1	204.2	179.5	191.4	114.1	129.9	49.6	37.8	27.8	3,506.4
Jul	216.2	190.8	115	93.3	106.5	82.2	69.4	70.1	78.6	38.6	40.7	19.4	19.6	8	1,233.3
Aug	258.2	219.3	101.4	100.8	123.4	94.3	71.8	67.4	76.8	41	50.8	13.6	15.1	14	1,321.5
Sep	163.2	222.4	86.3	101	99.3	111.2	66.6	68.2	70.1	47.2	37.2	16.3	16.7	21.8	1,200.2
Q3	637.7	632.4	302.7	295.2	329.2	287.7	207.8	205.7	225.5	126.8	128.7	49.4	51.4	43.8	3,755.0
Oct	207.1	240.5	106.1	122.4	110.3	100.4	74.9	63	74.5	50.2	38.9	20.7	13.2	10.5	1,303.1
Nov	316.4	252.7	94.6	146.6	113.4	121.7	69.1	50.4	77.4	51.1	51	18.5	10.8	9.3	1,445.8
Dec	232.7	228.3	97.5	144.3	102.7	104.4	71.8	73.9	68.7	54.7	28.7	12.4	7.4	14.9	1,325.2
Q4	756.2	721.4	298.1	413.4	326.4	326.6	215.8	187.3	220.6	156	118.7	51.6	31.5	34.7	4,074.2
Total_2024	2,775.40	2,534.60	1,164.60	1,285.70	1,187.00	1,128.10	814.5	718.6	806.4	533.3	473	194.8	152.1	127.7	14,699.7
Jan_2025	187.3	221.5	93.6	83.1	101.3	77.7	64.3	64	58.2	48.6	19.9	15.5	12.5	3.6	1,097.5
Feb	243.1	256	94.9	94.1	94.8	88.3	64.8	47.5	54.3	51.1	45.9	18	13.5	11.9	1,241.3
Mar	262.8	160	104	95.6	107.7	90	74.3	49.3	57.9	49	37.7	31.2	15.4	8.3	1,214.3
Q1	693.2	637.5	292.4	272.8	303.9	255.9	203.4	160.8	170.4	148.6	103.5	64.8	41.4	23.8	3,553.1
Apr	200.6	128.8	97.1	94.7	88	74.8	56.9	54.3	45.7	38.3	25.3	16.2	12.6	9.5	1,049.0
% Contribution															
Mar	21.6	13.2	8.6	7.9	8.9	7.4	6.1	4.1	4.8	4	3.1	2.6	1.3	0.7	100.0
Apr	19.1	12.3	9.3	9	8.4	7.1	5.4	5.2	4.4	3.7	2.4	1.5	1.2	0.9	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, 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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