

Botswana Food & Beverage Imports
August 2026

Botswana's imports amounted to **P8, 214.5 million** in August 2026. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to **P1, 190.1 million**, representing 14.5 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) were the leading imported chapters among Food & Beverages imports with contributions of 18.6 percent and 16.8 percent, respectively.

Cereals was the most prominent commodity imported. Amongst the cereals, other maize (corn) (HS100590), accounted for 49.5 percent. Other wheat, other than durum wheat (HS100199) and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (HS100630) followed with contributions of 30.0 percent and 18.6 percent respectively.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the second leading commodity imported. The most imported commodities within this Chapter was Beer made from malt (HS220300) and other grape must (HS220430) with contributions of 36.3 percent and 21.8 percent. Other waters, including minerals waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS 220299) accounted for 12.6 percent.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – July and August 2026 (Million Pula)

HS Code	Description	August	% Contribution	July	Change	% Change
10	Cereals	221.3	18.6	171.6	49.7	29.0
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	200.5	16.8	175.7	24.9	14.2
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; Pastry cooks' products	114.0	9.6	92.0	22.1	24.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	106.4	8.9	95.9	10.5	10.9
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; pre-pared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	93.2	7.8	79.6	13.5	17.0
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	84.7	7.1	109.2	(24.5)	(22.4)
04	Sugars and sugar confectionery	73.7	6.2	75.6	(2.0)	(2.6)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	70.5	5.9	83.6	(13.2)	(15.7)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	52.1	4.4	50.6	1.4	2.9
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	43.4	3.6	50.2	(6.8)	(13.6)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	31.5	2.6	30.7	0.9	2.8
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	19.5	1.6	9.7	9.8	100.3
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	17.2	1.4	20.9	(3.7)	(17.7)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	14.7	1.2	18.5	(3.8)	(20.5)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	13.4	1.1	15.7	(2.3)	(14.5)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	12.7	1.1	16.0	(3.3)	(20.7)
	Other	**21.3**	**1.8**	**19.7**	**1.6**	**8.0**
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	**1,190.1**	**14.5**	**1,115.3**	**74.8**	**6.7**
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	**7,024.3**	**85.5**	**6,133.8**	**890.5**	**14.5**
	Total Imports	**8,214.5**	**100.0**	**7,249.2**	**965.3**	**13.3**

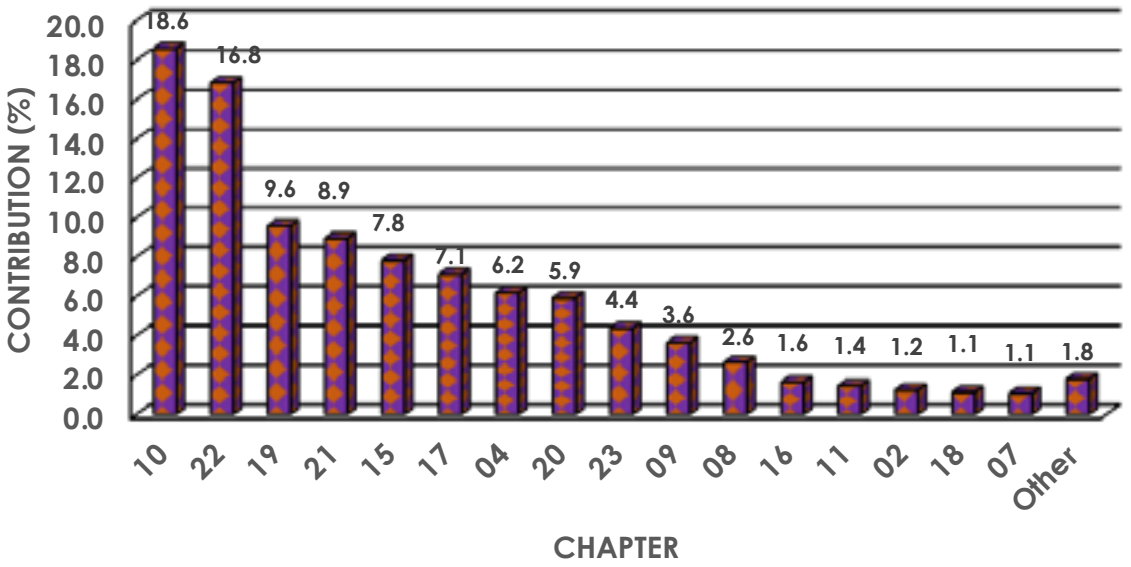
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – August 2026



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Table 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports – August 2026

a) Cereals

HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other maize (corn)	109.5	49.5
100199	Other wheat, other than durum wheat	66.5	30.0
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	41.1	18.6
100640	Broken rice	2.0	0.9
	Other	**2.4**	**1.1**
	Total	**221.3**	**100.0**

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar

HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	72.8	36.3
220430	Other grape must	43.8	21.8
220299	Other waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured, & other non-alcoholic beverages, (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices	25.2	12.6
220421	Other wine; grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol In containers holding 2 li or less; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	14.3	7.1
220210	Waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	14.2	7.1
220890	Other in containers holding 2 li or less	5.5	2.8
220422	Other wine; grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	4.6	2.3
220870	Liqueurs & cordials:; In containers holding 2 li or less	4.3	2.1
220860	Vodka	3.7	1.8
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	2.9	1.4
220830	Whiskies	2.7	1.4
220850	Gin & Geneva	2.3	1.1
	Other	**4.2**	**2.1**
	Total	**200.5**	**100.0**

Note: NES=Not Elsewhere Specified



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

Period \ HS	10	22	19	21	15	17	04	20	23	09	08	16	11	02	18	07	Other	Total
Jan_2025	187.3	221.6	93.6	77.7	64.1	101.3	64.3	83.2	58.2	19.9	48.6	13.8	15.5	11.3	12.5	11.0	13.8	1,097.7
Feb	243.3	256.5	94.9	88.3	47.5	94.8	64.8	94.7	54.3	45.9	51.1	22.7	18.0	17.3	13.5	12.5	22.6	1,242.6
Mar	262.8	160.0	104.0	90.1	49.3	107.7	74.3	95.6	57.9	37.8	49.0	29.5	31.2	14.3	15.4	19.7	15.9	1,214.5
Q1	**693.4**	**638.1**	**292.5**	**256.0**	**160.8**	**303.9**	**203.4**	**273.4**	**170.4**	**103.6**	**148.6**	**65.9**	**64.8**	**43.0**	**41.4**	**43.2**	**52.3**	**3,554.8**
Apr	200.7	129.5	97.4	76.8	54.7	88.1	56.9	95.0	45.7	25.5	38.3	22.1	16.2	21.7	12.6	36.3	36.6	1,054.2
May	216.5	168.5	112.3	112.7	78.3	99.5	66.3	110.5	68.5	48.4	37.8	23.5	14.7	16.8	15.8	31.5	40.0	1,261.6
Jun	167.9	166.7	107.0	84.5	76.0	111.9	62.0	89.3	52.7	45.5	28.0	9.0	13.9	15.6	17.3	16.2	26.8	1,090.3
Q2	**585.2**	**464.7**	**316.7**	**274.0**	**209.0**	**299.5**	**185.2**	**294.8**	**166.9**	**119.3**	**104.2**	**54.6**	**44.9**	**54.1**	**45.7**	**83.9**	**103.4**	**3,406.0**
Jul	143.1	148.0	98.5	82.8	82.2	79.9	63.3	86.9	55.8	39.0	26.4	13.0	13.6	23.0	16.2	15.9	22.4	1,010.0
Aug	196.2	184.5	110.2	93.5	83.9	119.0	77.7	98.3	68.7	44.3	38.0	10.6	14.2	16.3	14.4	18.4	29.4	1,217.5
Sep	179.0	238.3	102.4	85.8	66.2	115.8	64.9	100.2	60.1	32.8	37.6	10.8	17.2	21.5	9.7	13.1	23.7	1,179.0
Q3	**518.3**	**570.7**	**311.1**	**262.1**	**232.3**	**314.7**	**205.9**	**285.4**	**184.7**	**116.0**	**102.0**	**34.4**	**45.0**	**60.8**	**40.4**	**47.4**	**75.5**	**3,406.5**
Oct	164.1	206.8	91.8	128.3	71.9	87.4	75.0	98.9	74.6	44.4	45.3	24.3	16.7	22.6	13.0	10.5	30.3	1,205.8
Nov	205.8	247.5	128.7	120.2	90.1	97.3	74.1	103.2	61.2	41.2	44.6	18.0	17.5	21.8	11.7	7.7	24.0	1,314.6
Dec	190.9	188.5	82.4	93.8	65.4	91.4	59.6	78.6	60.9	35.1	45.3	11.9	16.2	19.2	6.2	13.0	31.2	1,089.5
Q4	**560.7**	**642.8**	**302.8**	**342.2**	**227.3**	**276.1**	**208.8**	**280.7**	**196.7**	**120.6**	**135.1**	**54.3**	**50.5**	**63.6**	**30.9**	**31.2**	**85.5**	**3,610.0**
Total_2025	**2,357.6**	**2,316.3**	**1,223.1**	**1,134.4**	**829.5**	**1,194.2**	**803.2**	**1,134.3**	**718.7**	**459.5**	**489.9**	**209.2**	**205.1**	**221.4**	**158.3**	**205.7**	**316.8**	**13,977.3**
Jan_2026	395.0	181.7	78.1	95.3	58.1	91.9	62.0	87.8	56.6	28.0	45.4	19.1	12.2	15.7	9.6	12.2	12.7	1,261.5
Feb	150.4	201.5	81.2	100.0	62.3	77.6	60.1	72.3	53.3	37.0	41.5	9.8	16.8	15.0	13.5	24.0	22.4	1,038.5
Mar	116.0	98.7	53.0	64.0	42.8	60.0	35.0	41.1	30.1	21.3	22.8	16.7	8.2	9.4	6.9	19.9	9.6	655.7
Q1	**661.3**	**481.9**	**212.4**	**259.3**	**163.2**	**229.5**	**157.2**	**201.3**	**140.1**	**86.3**	**109.7**	**45.5**	**37.2**	**40.1**	**30.1**	**56.0**	**44.8**	**2,955.7**
Apr	142.7	125.7	89.4	89.4	62.4	61.2	58.4	61.1	48.8	30.9	35.3	24.9	14.4	8.6	8.2	37.9	17.8	917.1
May	248.3	153.0	93.5	95.6	62.8	86.6	59.3	76.2	51.8	42.1	28.0	11.8	14.7	18.8	13.4	27.1	18.7	1,101.5
Jun	184.9	139.0	108.4	84.6	111.9	104.8	58.4	71.9	47.5	51.4	27.3	17.4	16.7	19.9	11.3	19.7	19.9	1,095.0
Q2	**575.9**	**417.7**	**291.3**	**269.6**	**237.1**	**252.6**	**176.0**	**209.2**	**148.1**	**124.5**	**90.7**	**54.1**	**45.8**	**47.2**	**32.9**	**84.7**	**56.3**	**3,113.6**
Jul	171.6	175.7	92.0	95.9	79.6	109.2	75.6	83.6	50.6	50.2	30.7	9.7	20.9	18.5	15.7	16.0	19.7	1,115.3
Aug	221.3	200.5	114.0	106.4	93.2	84.7	73.7	70.5	52.1	43.4	31.5	19.5	17.2	14.7	13.4	12.7	21.3	1,190.1
% Contribution																		
Jul_2026	***15.4***	***15.7***	***8.2***	***8.6***	***7.1***	***9.8***	***6.8***	***7.5***	***4.5***	***4.5***	***2.8***	***0.9***	***1.9***	***1.7***	***1.4***	***1.4***	***1.8***	***100.0***
Aug_2026	***18.6***	***16.8***	***9.6***	***8.9***	***7.8***	***7.1***	***6.2***	***5.9***	***4.4***	***3.6***	***2.6***	***1.6***	***1.4***	***1.2***	***1.1***	***1.1***	***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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