

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

July 2025

Botswana received imports worth P6, 395.7 million in July 2025. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to P1, 004.9 million, representing 15.7 percent of total imports. The leading imported chapters among Food & Beverages imports, were Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) and Cereals (Chapter 10) with contribution of 14.6 percent and 14.1 percent respectively. Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks products (Chapter 19) constituted 9.8 percent while Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Chapter 20) followed with a contribution of 8.6 percent .

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the most prominent commodity imported. The most imported commodities within the Chapter was Beer made from malt accounting for 33.8 percent, followed by Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, accounting for 23.9 percent. Other waters, including mineral waters & aerated, containing added sugar or flavoured & non -alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices) followed with contribution of 9.7 percent.

Cereals was the second dominant commodity imported. Among the cereals, Other Maize (corn), and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed were the most imported types of cereals representing 60.1 percent and 30.3 percent respectively. Other wheat & muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed followed with a contribution of 8.7 percent.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – June and July 2025 (Million Pula)

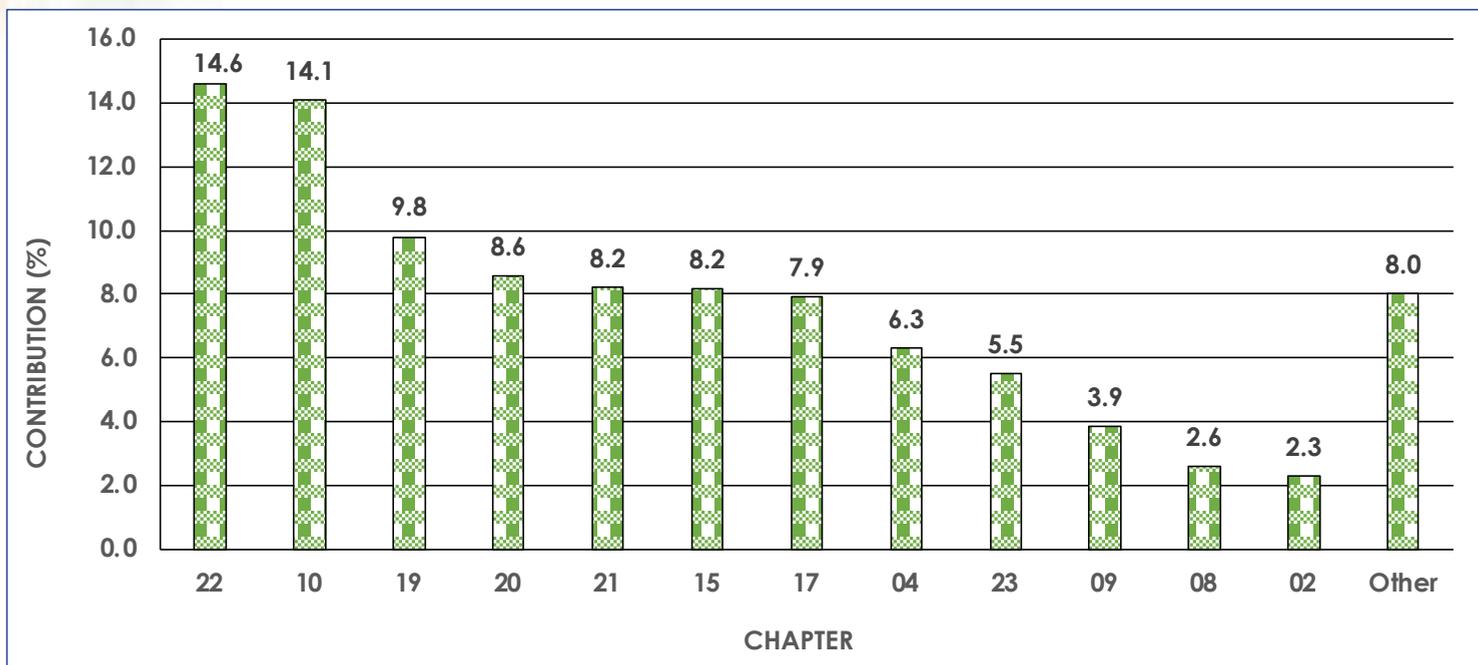
HS Code	Description	July	% Contribution	June	% Change	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	146.7	14.6	166.7	(20.0)	(12.0)
10	Cereals	141.6	14.1	167.9	(26.3)	(15.7)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	98.5	9.8	107.0	(8.5)	(8.0)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	86.3	8.6	89.3	(3.0)	(3.4)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	82.7	8.2	84.5	(1.8)	(2.2)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	82.2	8.2	76.0	6.2	8.2
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	79.6	7.9	111.9	(32.3)	(28.9)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	63.3	6.3	62.0	1.3	2.1
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	55.5	5.5	52.7	2.8	5.4
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	38.8	3.9	45.5	(6.7)	(14.6)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	26.3	2.6	28.0	(1.7)	(6.1)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	23.0	2.3	15.6	7.4	47.5
	Other	80.4	8.0	83.0	(2.6)	(3.1)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,004.9	15.7	1,090.1	(85.3)	(7.8)
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	5,390.8	84.3	5,793.7	(402.9)	(7.0)
	Total Imports	6,395.7	100.0	6,883.8	(488.1)	(7.1)

Excluding 5,3,6,13&14,18,7,11,12,16



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – July 2025



Note: 'Other' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 07, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 & 18

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports –July 2025

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	49.5	33.8
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified	35.1	23.9
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)	14.3	9.7
220421	Other Wine In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	13.9	9.5
220210	Waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	11.2	7.6
220850	Gin and Geneva	4.8	3.3
220830	Whiskies	3.9	2.7
220870	Liqueurs & cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	3.6	2.5
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	1.9	1.3
220890	Other;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	1.7	1.1
	Other	6.8	4.6
	Total	146.7	100.0

b) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	85.0	60.1
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	43.0	30.3
100199	Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed	12.3	8.7
100640	Broken rice	0.8	0.6
	Other	0.4	0.3
	Total	141.6	100.0

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

Period \ HS	22	10	19	20	21	15	17	04	23	09	08	02	Other	Total
Jan_2024	188.6	233.4	77.7	101.7	95.2	32.7	92.6	62.7	59.6	34.5	46.4	10.2	66.3	1,101.6
Feb	188.4	237.5	91.6	92.9	75.3	60.8	77.8	57.8	55.3	31.2	42.3	6.3	84.7	1,102.0
Mar	222.8	262.0	74.4	96.0	79.4	52.6	85.9	66.2	54.1	30.0	47.7	13.0	76.5	1,160.6
Q1	599.8	732.8	243.8	290.6	249.8	146.1	256.3	186.7	169.0	95.7	136.4	29.6	227.6	3,364.1
Apr	224.9	183.6	111.1	110.9	75.7	56.8	83.6	59.3	63.2	34.8	44.1	14.9	76.4	1,139.4
May	189.1	281.0	101.2	91.0	92.0	58.9	108.4	66.4	70.0	43.8	36.1	22.7	89.6	1,250.3
Jun	166.9	184.1	107.7	84.6	96.4	63.9	83.1	78.5	58.1	51.3	33.9	18.1	90.2	1,116.7
Q2	580.9	648.7	320.0	286.5	264.1	179.5	275.1	204.2	191.4	129.9	114.1	55.7	256.2	3,506.4
Jul	190.8	216.2	115.0	93.3	82.2	70.1	106.5	69.4	78.6	40.7	38.6	18.1	113.9	1,233.3
Aug	219.3	258.2	101.4	100.8	94.3	67.4	123.4	71.8	76.8	50.8	41.0	20.7	95.5	1,321.5
Sep	222.4	163.2	86.3	101.0	111.2	68.2	99.3	66.6	70.1	37.2	47.2	20.4	107.1	1,200.2
Q3	632.4	637.7	302.7	295.2	287.7	205.7	329.2	207.8	225.5	128.7	126.8	59.2	316.5	3,755.0
Oct	240.5	207.1	106.1	122.4	100.4	63.0	110.3	74.9	74.5	38.9	50.2	20.8	94.1	1,303.1
Nov	252.7	316.4	94.6	146.6	121.7	50.4	113.4	69.1	77.4	51.0	51.1	13.6	87.8	1,445.8
Dec	228.3	232.7	97.5	144.3	104.4	73.9	102.7	71.8	68.7	28.7	54.7	21.8	95.7	1,325.2
Q4	721.5	756.2	298.1	413.4	326.5	187.3	326.4	215.8	220.6	118.7	156.0	56.1	277.6	4,074.2
Total_2024	2,534.6	2,775.4	1,164.6	1,285.7	1,128.0	718.6	1,187.0	814.5	806.4	473.0	533.3	200.6	1,077.9	14,699.7
Jan_2025	221.6	187.3	93.6	83.1	77.7	64.0	101.3	64.3	58.2	19.9	48.6	11.3	66.7	1,097.6
Feb	256.5	243.3	94.9	94.7	88.3	47.5	94.8	64.8	54.3	45.9	51.1	17.3	89.3	1,242.6
Mar	160.0	262.8	104.0	95.6	90.0	49.3	107.7	74.3	57.9	37.7	49.0	14.3	111.7	1,214.3
Q1	638.1	693.4	292.4	273.4	255.9	160.8	303.9	203.4	170.4	103.5	148.6	43.0	267.6	3,554.5
Apr	129.4	200.7	97.4	94.9	76.8	54.7	88.1	56.9	45.7	25.5	38.3	21.7	123.8	1,054.0
May	168.5	216.5	112.3	110.5	112.7	78.3	99.5	66.3	68.5	48.4	37.8	16.8	125.5	1,261.6
Jun	166.7	167.9	107.0	89.3	84.5	76.0	111.9	62.0	52.7	45.5	28.0	15.6	83.0	1,090.1
Q2	464.6	585.2	316.7	294.6	274.0	209.0	299.5	185.2	166.9	119.3	104.2	54.1	332.3	3,405.7
Jul	146.7	141.6	98.5	86.3	82.7	82.2	79.6	63.3	55.5	38.8	26.3	23.0	80.4	1,004.9
Contribution%														
Jun	15.3	15.4	9.8	8.2	7.8	7.0	10.3	5.7	4.8	4.2	2.6	1.4	7.6	100.0
Jul	14.6	14.1	9.8	8.6	8.2	8.2	7.9	6.3	5.5	3.9	2.6	2.3	8.0	100.0

Note: 'Other' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 07, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 & 18



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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