

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

March 2025

During March 2025, Botswana received imports amounting to **P7, 482.9 million**. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to P1, 210.2 million, representing 16.2 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) accounted for 21.7 percent and 13.2 percent of Food & Beverages imports in that order. Sugars & sugar confectionery (Chapter 17) followed with a contribution of 8.9 percent.

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 in March 2025, accounting for 42.2 percent and 31.0 percent respectively. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed followed with a contribution of 21.1 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the second dominant commodity imported. The most imported commodities within the Chapter was Beer made from malt accounting for 39.4 percent, followed by Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, with a contribution of 18.3 percent. Other waters, including mineral waters & aerated, containing added sugar or flavoured & non -alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices) followed with a contribution of 18.1 percent.

Table1: Botswana Food & Beverages Imports (excluding live animals) – February and March 2025
(Million Pula)

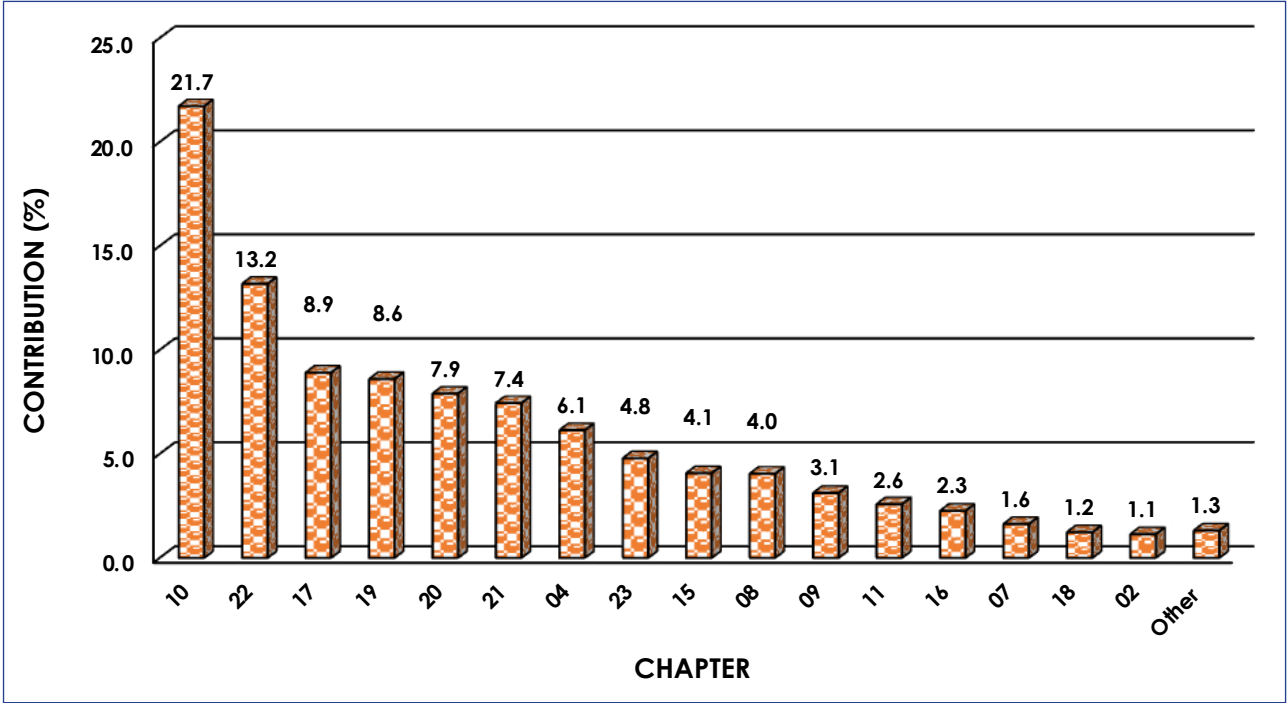
HS	HS DESCRIPTION	Mar-25	% Contribution	Feb-25	% Change
10	Cereals	262.8	21.7	243.1	8.1
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	159.5	13.2	256.0	(37.7)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	107.7	8.9	94.8	13.7
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	104.0	8.6	94.9	9.7
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	95.6	7.9	94.1	1.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	90.0	7.4	88.3	2.0
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	74.2	6.1	64.8	14.6
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	57.9	4.8	54.3	6.7
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	49.2	4.1	47.5	3.6
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	48.9	4.0	51.1	(4.2)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	37.7	3.1	45.9	(17.8)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	31.2	2.6	18.0	73.0
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	27.3	2.3	22.7	20.5
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	19.7	1.6	12.5	57.3
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	14.9	1.2	13.5	10.6
02	Meat and edible meat offal	13.7	1.1	17.3	(20.8)
	Other	15.9	1.3	22.6	(29.9)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,210.2	16.2	1,241.3	(2.5)
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	6,272.7	83.8	5,649.8	11.0
	Total Imports	7,482.9	100.0	6,891.1	8.6

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



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – March 2025



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

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	111.0	42.2
100199	Other wheat & muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed	81.6	31.0
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	55.5	21.1
100790	Other grain Sorghum, other than seed	11.6	4.4
100640	Broken rice	2.9	1.1
	Other	0.2	0.1
	Total	262.8	100.0



b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar

HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	62.7	39.4
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included	29.1	18.3
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)	28.8	18.1
220210	Waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	12.4	7.8
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	7.9	4.9
220429	Other;; Unfortified wine;; Fortified wine	3.8	2.4
220830	Whiskies	2.8	1.8
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	2.8	1.7
	Other	9.1	5.7
	Total	159.5	100.0

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

Period \ HS	10	22	17	19	20	21	04	23	15	08	09	11	16	07	18	02	Other	Total
Jan_2024	233.4	188.6	92.6	77.7	101.7	95.2	62.7	59.6	32.7	46.4	34.5	13.4	13.7	13.1	8.6	10.2	17.5	1,101.6
Feb	237.5	188.4	77.8	91.6	92.9	75.3	57.8	55.3	60.8	42.3	31.2	15.3	23.2	11.4	13.5	6.3	21.3	1,102.0
Mar	262.0	222.8	85.9	74.4	96.0	79.4	66.2	54.1	52.6	47.7	30.0	15.6	23.6	14.0	9.3	13.0	14.0	1,160.5
Q1	732.8	599.8	256.3	243.8	290.6	249.8	186.7	169.0	146.1	136.4	95.7	44.3	60.6	38.5	31.4	29.6	52.9	3,364.1
Apr	183.6	224.9	83.6	111.1	110.9	75.7	59.3	63.2	56.8	44.1	34.8	14.5	15.1	16.4	9.1	14.9	21.3	1,139.4
May	281.0	189.1	108.4	101.2	91.0	92.0	66.4	70.0	58.9	36.1	43.8	19.2	17.5	16.4	12.2	22.7	24.3	1,250.3
Jun	184.1	166.9	83.1	107.7	84.6	96.4	78.5	58.1	63.9	33.9	51.3	15.9	20.2	15.6	16.5	18.1	21.9	1,116.7
Q2	648.7	580.9	275.1	320.0	286.5	264.1	204.2	191.4	179.5	114.1	129.9	49.6	52.9	48.4	37.8	55.7	67.5	3,506.4
Jul	216.2	190.8	106.5	115.0	93.3	82.2	69.4	78.6	70.1	38.6	40.7	19.4	33.0	15.4	19.6	18.1	26.4	1,233.3
Aug	258.2	219.3	123.4	101.4	100.7	94.3	71.8	76.8	67.4	41.0	50.8	13.6	20.8	12.9	15.1	20.7	33.0	1,321.5
Sep	163.2	222.4	99.3	86.3	101.0	111.2	66.6	70.1	68.2	47.2	37.2	16.3	19.9	9.7	16.7	20.4	44.5	1,200.2
Q3	637.7	632.5	329.2	302.7	295.1	287.7	207.8	225.5	205.7	126.8	128.7	49.4	73.8	38.0	51.4	59.2	103.9	3,755.0
Oct	207.1	240.5	110.3	106.1	122.4	100.4	74.9	74.5	63.0	50.2	38.9	20.7	23.6	6.4	13.2	20.8	30.1	1,303.1
Nov	316.4	252.7	113.4	94.6	146.6	121.7	69.1	77.4	50.4	51.1	51.0	18.5	17.5	8.4	10.8	13.6	32.6	1,445.8
Dec	232.7	228.3	102.7	97.5	144.3	104.4	71.8	68.7	73.9	54.7	28.7	12.4	23.6	17.7	7.4	21.8	34.7	1,325.2
Q4	756.2	721.4	326.4	298.1	413.4	326.6	215.8	220.6	187.3	156.0	118.7	51.6	64.7	32.6	31.5	56.1	97.3	4,074.2
Total_2024	2,775.4	2,534.7	1,187.0	1,164.6	1,285.6	1,128.1	814.5	806.4	718.6	533.3	473.0	194.8	251.9	157.5	152.1	200.6	321.6	14,699.7
Jan_2025	187.3	221.5	101.3	93.6	83.1	77.7	64.3	58.2	64.0	48.6	19.9	15.5	13.8	11.0	12.5	11.3	13.8	1,097.5
Feb	243.1	256.0	94.8	94.9	94.1	88.3	64.8	54.3	47.5	51.1	45.9	18.0	22.7	12.5	13.5	17.3	22.6	1,241.3
Mar	262.8	159.5	107.7	104.0	95.6	90.0	74.2	57.9	49.2	48.9	37.7	31.2	27.3	19.7	14.9	13.7	15.9	1,210.2
Q1	693.2	637.0	303.9	292.4	272.8	255.9	203.3	170.4	160.8	148.6	103.5	64.8	63.8	43.1	40.9	42.4	52.3	3,549.0
% Contribution																		
Feb	19.6	20.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.1	5.2	4.4	3.8	4.1	3.7	1.5	1.8	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.8	100.0
Mar	21.7	13.2	8.9	8.6	7.9	7.4	6.1	4.8	4.1	4.0	3.1	2.6	2.3	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.3	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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