

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

May 2025

In May 2025, Botswana received imports worth P8, 157.2 million. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to P1, 256.3 million, representing 15.4 percent of total imports. The leading imported chapters among Food & Beverages imports, were Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) with contribution of 17.2 percent and 13.1 percent respectively. Miscellaneous edible preparations (Chapter 21), 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 contribution of 9.0 percent, 8.9 percent and 8.7 percent in that order.

Cereals was the most prominent commodity imported. Among the cereals, Other Maize (corn), and other wheat & muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed were the most imported types of cereals representing 46.0 percent and 26.4 percent respectively. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed followed with a contribution of 20.3 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the second dominant commodity imported. The most imported commodities within the Chapter was Beer made from malt accounting for 35.6 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 14.7 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 13.0 percent.

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

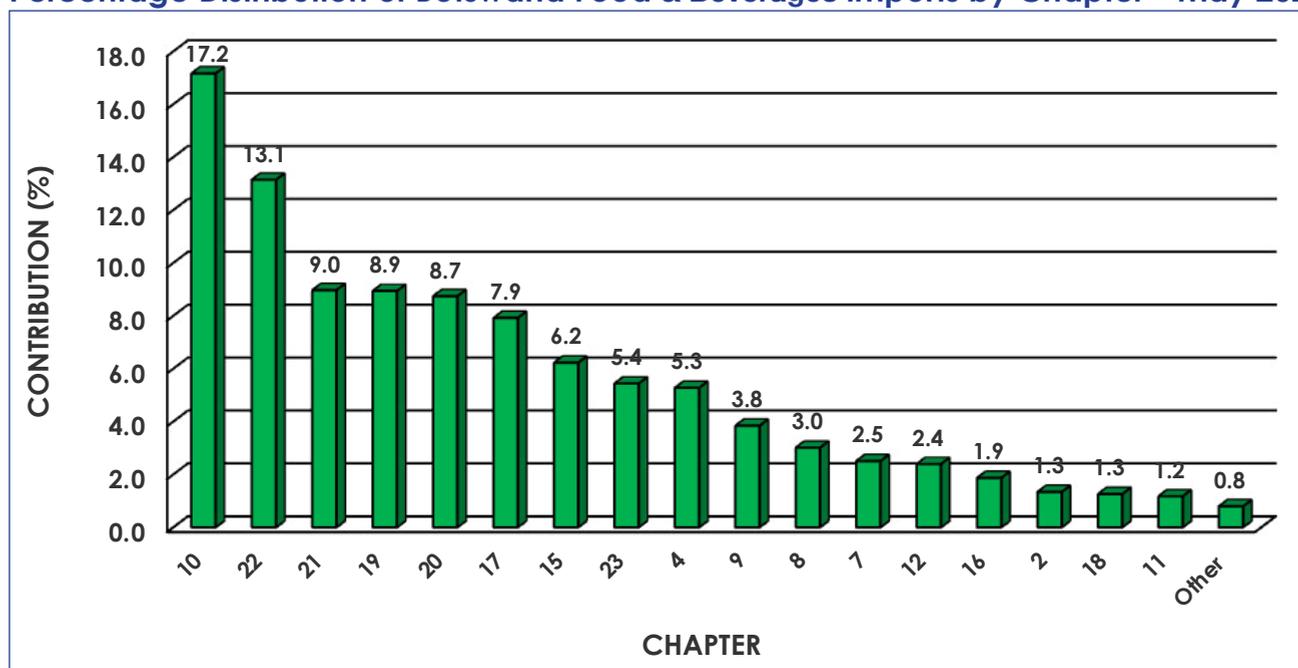
HS	HS DESCRIPTION	May	% Contribution	April	Change	% Change
10	Cereals	215.6	17.2	200.7	14.9	7.4
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	165.1	13.1	129.4	35.7	27.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	112.7	9.0	76.8	35.9	46.7
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	112.3	8.9	97.4	14.9	15.3
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	109.8	8.7	94.8	15.0	15.8
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	99.5	7.9	88.1	11.4	12.9
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	78.2	6.2	54.7	23.5	43.0
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	68.3	5.4	45.7	22.6	49.5
4	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	66.3	5.3	56.9	9.4	16.5
9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	48.3	3.8	25.5	22.8	89.4
8	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	37.8	3.0	38.3	(0.5)	(1.3)
7	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	31.5	2.5	36.3	(4.8)	(13.2)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	30.1	2.4	27.1	3.0	11.1
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	23.5	1.9	22.1	1.4	6.3
2	Meat and edible meat offal	16.8	1.3	21.7	(4.9)	(22.6)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	15.8	1.3	12.6	3.2	25.4
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	14.7	1.2	16.2	(1.5)	(9.3)
	Other	10.0	0.8	9.5	0.5	5.3
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,256.3	15.4	1,054.0	202.3	19.2
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	6,900.9	84.6	5,781.4	1,119.5	19.4
	Total Imports	8,157.2	100.0	6,835.4	1,321.8	19.3

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



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food & Beverages imports by Chapter – May 2025



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

a) Cereals

HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	99.2	46.0
100199	Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed	57.0	26.4
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	43.8	20.3
100790	Other grain Sorghum	9.9	4.6
100640	Broken rice	3.4	1.6
	Other	2.4	1.1
	Total	215.6	100.0

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar

HS Code	HS Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	58.8	35.6
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	24.3	14.7
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)	21.4	13.0
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	15.0	9.1
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	10.4	6.3
220830	Whiskies	8.4	5.1
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	5.0	3.0
220850	Gin and Geneva:	5.0	3.0
220890	Other; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	3.6	2.2
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	2.5	1.5
220860	Vodka	2.2	1.3
	Other	8.6	5.2
	Total	165.1	100.0

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

Period \ HS	10	22	21	19	20	17	15	23	4	9	12	16	2	18	11	Other	Total
Jan_2024	233.4	188.6	95.2	77.7	101.7	92.6	32.7	59.6	62.7	34.5	12.0	13.7	10.2	8.6	13.4	5.5	1101.6
Feb	237.5	188.4	75.3	91.6	92.9	77.8	60.8	55.3	57.8	31.2	10.0	23.2	6.3	13.5	15.3	11.3	1102.0
Mar	262.0	222.8	79.4	74.4	96.0	85.9	52.6	54.1	66.2	30.0	9.3	23.6	13.0	9.3	15.6	4.7	1160.5
Q1	732.8	599.8	249.8	243.8	290.6	256.3	146.1	169.0	186.7	95.7	31.3	60.6	29.6	31.4	44.3	21.5	3364.1
Apr	183.6	224.9	75.7	111.1	110.9	83.6	56.8	63.2	59.3	34.8	11.2	15.1	14.9	9.1	14.5	10.1	1139.4
May	281.0	189.1	92.0	101.2	91.0	108.4	58.9	70.0	66.4	43.8	14.4	17.5	22.7	12.2	19.2	9.9	1250.3
Jun	184.1	166.9	96.4	107.7	84.6	83.1	63.9	58.1	78.5	51.3	14.2	20.2	18.1	16.5	15.9	7.8	1116.7
Q2	648.7	580.9	264.1	320.0	286.5	275.1	179.5	191.4	204.2	129.9	39.7	52.9	55.7	37.8	49.6	27.8	3506.4
Jul	216.2	190.8	82.2	115.0	93.3	106.5	70.1	78.6	69.4	40.7	18.5	33.0	18.1	19.6	19.4	8.0	1233.3
Aug	258.2	219.3	94.3	101.4	100.8	123.4	67.4	76.8	71.8	50.8	19.0	20.8	20.7	15.1	13.6	14.0	1321.5
Sep	163.2	222.4	111.2	86.3	101.0	99.3	68.2	70.1	66.6	37.2	22.6	19.9	20.4	16.7	16.3	21.8	1200.2
Q3	637.7	632.4	287.7	302.7	295.2	329.2	205.7	225.5	207.8	128.7	60.1	73.8	59.2	51.4	49.4	43.8	3755.0
Oct	207.1	240.5	100.4	106.1	122.4	110.3	63.0	74.5	74.9	38.9	19.6	23.6	20.8	13.2	20.7	10.5	1303.1
Nov	316.4	252.7	121.7	94.6	146.6	113.4	50.4	77.4	69.1	51.0	23.3	17.5	13.6	10.8	18.5	9.3	1445.8
Dec	232.7	228.3	104.4	97.5	144.3	102.7	73.9	68.7	71.8	28.7	19.8	23.6	21.8	7.4	12.4	14.9	1325.2
Q4	756.2	721.5	326.5	298.1	413.4	326.4	187.3	220.6	215.8	118.7	62.6	64.7	56.1	31.5	51.6	34.7	4074.2
Total_2024	2775.4	2534.6	1128.0	1164.6	1285.7	1187.0	718.6	806.4	814.5	473.0	193.8	251.9	200.6	152.1	194.8	127.7	14699.7
Jan_2025	187.3	221.6	77.7	93.6	83.1	101.3	64.0	58.2	64.3	19.9	10.2	13.8	11.3	12.5	15.5	3.6	1097.6
Feb	243.3	256.5	88.3	94.9	94.7	94.8	47.5	54.3	64.8	45.9	10.7	22.7	17.3	13.5	18.0	11.9	1242.5
Mar	262.8	160.0	90.0	104.0	95.6	107.7	49.3	57.9	74.3	37.7	7.6	29.5	14.3	15.4	31.2	8.3	1214.3
Q1	693.4	638.1	255.9	292.4	273.4	303.9	160.8	170.4	203.4	103.5	28.5	65.9	43.0	41.4	64.8	23.8	3554.4
Apr	200.7	129.4	76.8	97.4	94.8	88.1	54.7	45.7	56.9	25.5	27.1	22.1	21.7	12.6	16.2	9.5	1054.0
May	215.6	165.1	112.7	112.3	109.8	99.5	78.2	68.3	66.3	48.3	30.1	23.5	16.8	15.8	14.7	10.0	1256.3
% Contributions																	
Apr	19.0	12.3	7.3	9.2	9.0	8.4	5.2	4.3	5.4	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.1	1.2	1.5	0.9	100.0
May	17.2	13.1	9.0	8.9	8.7	7.9	6.2	5.4	5.3	3.8	2.4	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.8	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, 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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