

Botswana Food & Beverage Imports

October 2025

Botswana received imports worth P7, 625.5 million in October 2025. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to P1, 204.0 million, representing 15.8 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 17.2 percent and 13.6 percent, respectively. Miscellaneous edible preparations (Chapter 21) constituted 10.6 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the most prominent commodity imported. The top three imported products among the Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar are Beer made from malt (HS220300), Other fermented beverages, (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverage (HS220600) and Other waters (HS220299) with contributions of 31.1 percent, 18.1 percent and 17.4 percent, respectively.

Cereals was the second dominant commodity group imported. The major imports of food products among cereals are, Other Maize (corn) (HS100590) and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (HS100630) accounting for 52.6 percent and 31.3 percent, respectively. Other wheat other than durum wheat (HS100199) followed with a contribution of 14.1 percent.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – September and October 2025 (Million Pula)

HS Code	Description	August	% Contribution	July	% Change	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	206.6	17.2	238.3	(31.7)	(13.3)
10	Cereals	163.9	13.6	178.9	(15.0)	(8.4)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	127.8	10.6	85.7	42.1	49.2
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	98.6	8.2	100.2	(1.6)	(1.6)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	91.7	7.6	102.4	(10.7)	(10.4)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	87.4	7.3	115.5	(28.1)	(24.3)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	74.8	6.2	64.9	9.9	15.3
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	74.3	6.2	60.1	14.2	23.7
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	71.9	6.0	66.2	5.7	8.5
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	45.2	3.8	37.6	7.6	20.3
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	44.3	3.7	32.7	11.6	35.5
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	24.3	2.0	10.8	13.5	125.4
02	Meat and edible meat offal	22.6	1.9	21.5	1.1	5.2
	Other	70.6	5.9	95.8	(25.2)	(26.3)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,204.0	15.8	1,210.4	(6.4)	(0.5)
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	6,421.4	84.2	6,040.5	380.9	6.3
	Total Imports	7,625.5	100.0	7,250.9	374.6	5.2

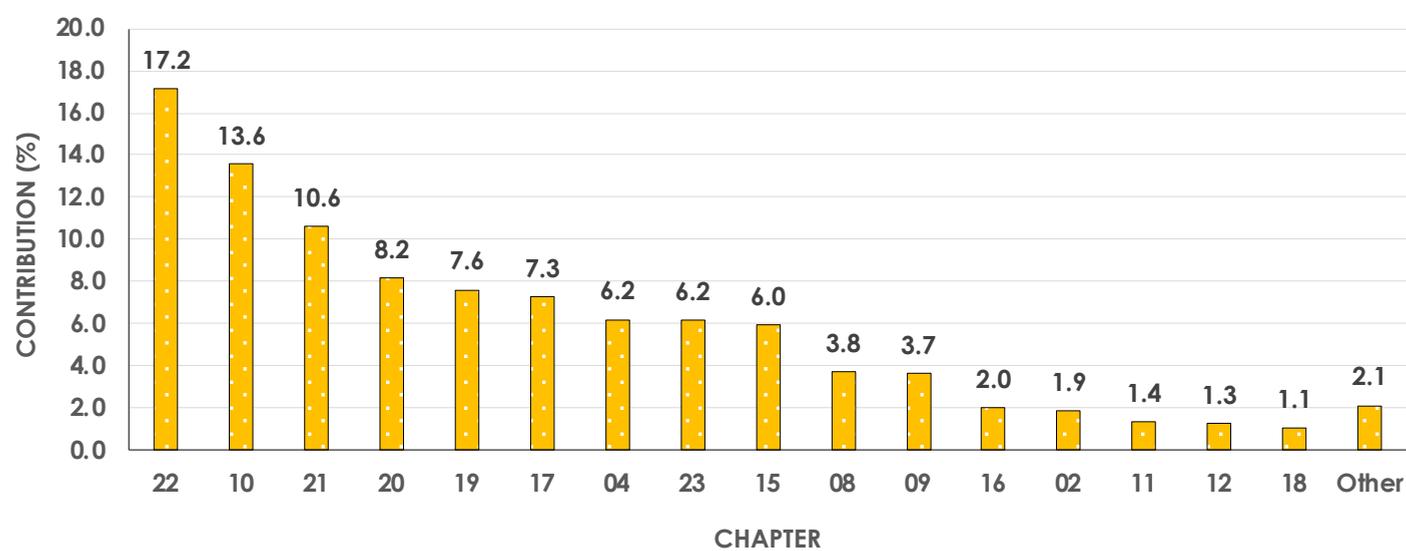
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –October 2025



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

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	64.2	31.1
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	37.4	18.1
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	35.9	17.4
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	24.4	11.8
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	15.5	7.5
220850	Gin and Geneva	7.2	3.5
220870	Liqueurs and cordials; In containers holding 2 li or less/Other	4.5	2.2
220830	Whiskies	3.9	1.9
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc:	2.4	1.1
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	2.3	1.1
220291	Non-alcoholic beer	1.6	0.8
220890	Other; In containers holding 2 li or less / Other	1.5	0.7
220900	Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid	1.1	0.5
220410	Please Edit description as required	1.0	0.5
220110	Mineral water and aerated waters	1.0	0.5
	Other	2.8	1.4
	Total	206.6	100.0

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other maize (corn)	86.2	52.6
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	51.3	31.3
100199	Other wheat, other than durum wheat	23.1	14.1
100510	Seed maize (corn)	2.3	1.4
100640	Broken rice	0.7	0.4
	Other	0.4	0.3
	Total	163.9	100.0



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

Period \ HS	22	10	21	20	19	17	04	23	15	08	09	16	02	11	12	18	Other	Total
Jan_2024	188.6	233.4	95.2	101.7	77.7	92.6	62.7	59.6	32.7	46.4	34.5	13.7	10.2	13.4	12.0	8.6	18.6	1,101.6
Feb	188.4	237.5	75.3	92.9	91.6	77.8	57.8	55.3	60.8	42.3	31.2	23.2	6.3	15.3	10.0	13.5	22.8	1,102.0
Mar	222.8	262.0	79.4	96.0	74.4	85.9	66.2	54.1	52.6	47.7	30.0	23.6	13.0	15.6	9.3	9.3	18.7	1,160.6
Q1	599.8	732.8	249.8	290.6	243.8	256.3	186.7	169.0	146.1	136.4	95.7	60.6	29.6	44.3	31.3	31.4	60.1	3,364.2
Apr	224.9	183.6	75.7	110.9	111.1	83.6	59.3	63.2	56.8	44.1	34.8	15.1	14.9	14.5	11.2	9.1	26.5	1,139.4
May	189.1	281.0	92.0	91.0	101.2	108.4	66.4	70.0	58.9	36.1	43.8	17.5	22.7	19.2	14.4	12.2	26.3	1,250.3
Jun	166.9	184.1	96.4	84.6	107.7	83.1	78.5	58.1	63.9	33.9	51.3	20.2	18.1	15.9	14.2	16.5	23.4	1,116.7
Q2	580.9	648.7	264.1	286.5	320.0	275.1	204.2	191.4	179.5	114.1	129.9	52.9	55.7	49.6	39.7	37.8	76.2	3,506.4
Jul	190.8	216.2	82.2	93.3	115.0	106.5	69.4	78.6	70.1	38.6	40.7	33.0	18.1	19.4	18.5	19.6	23.4	1,233.3
Aug	219.3	258.2	94.3	100.8	101.4	123.4	71.8	76.8	67.4	41.0	50.8	20.8	20.7	13.6	19.0	15.1	26.9	1,321.5
Sep	222.4	163.2	111.2	101.0	86.3	99.3	66.6	70.1	68.2	47.2	37.2	19.9	20.4	16.3	22.6	16.7	31.5	1,200.2
Q3	632.4	637.7	287.7	295.2	302.7	329.2	207.8	225.5	205.7	126.8	128.7	73.8	59.2	49.4	60.1	51.4	81.8	3,755.0
Oct	240.5	207.1	100.4	122.4	106.1	110.3	74.9	74.5	63.0	50.2	38.9	23.6	20.8	20.7	19.6	13.2	16.9	1,303.1
Nov	252.7	316.4	121.7	146.6	94.6	113.4	69.1	77.4	50.4	51.1	51.0	17.5	13.6	18.5	23.3	10.8	17.7	1,445.8
Dec	228.3	232.7	104.4	144.3	97.5	102.7	71.8	68.7	73.9	54.7	28.7	23.6	21.8	12.4	19.8	7.4	32.6	1,325.2
Q4	721.5	756.2	326.5	413.4	298.1	326.4	215.8	220.6	187.3	156.0	118.7	64.7	56.1	51.6	62.6	31.5	67.2	4,074.2
Total_2024	2,534.6	2,775.4	1,128.0	1,285.7	1,164.6	1,187.0	814.5	806.4	718.6	533.3	473.0	251.9	200.6	194.8	193.8	152.1	285.3	14,699.7
Jan_2025	221.6	187.3	77.7	83.1	93.6	101.3	64.3	58.2	64.0	48.6	19.9	13.8	11.3	15.5	10.2	12.5	14.6	1,097.6
Feb	256.5	243.3	88.3	94.7	94.9	94.8	64.8	54.3	47.5	51.1	45.9	22.7	17.3	18.0	10.7	13.5	24.4	1,242.6
Mar	160.0	262.8	90.1	95.6	104.0	107.7	74.3	57.9	49.3	49.0	37.8	29.5	14.3	31.2	7.6	15.4	28.0	1,214.5
Q1	638.1	693.4	256.0	273.4	292.4	303.9	203.4	170.4	160.8	148.6	103.6	65.9	43.0	64.8	28.5	41.4	67.0	3,554.6
Apr	129.4	200.7	76.8	94.9	97.4	88.1	56.9	45.7	54.7	38.3	25.5	22.1	21.7	16.2	27.1	12.6	45.7	1,054.0
May	168.5	216.5	112.7	110.5	112.3	99.5	66.3	68.5	78.3	37.8	48.4	23.5	16.8	14.7	30.1	15.8	41.4	1,261.6
Jun	166.7	167.9	84.5	89.3	107.0	111.9	62.0	52.7	76.0	28.0	45.5	9.0	15.6	13.9	13.8	17.3	29.0	1,090.1
Q2	464.6	585.2	274.0	294.6	316.7	299.5	185.2	166.9	209.0	104.2	119.3	54.6	54.1	44.9	71.0	45.7	116.1	3,405.7
Jul	148.0	143.1	82.8	86.9	98.5	79.9	63.3	55.8	82.2	26.4	39.0	13.0	23.0	13.6	14.7	16.2	23.6	1,010.0
Aug	184.5	196.2	93.5	98.3	110.2	118.1	77.7	68.7	83.8	37.9	44.2	10.6	16.3	14.2	18.4	14.4	29.0	1,216.0
Sep	238.3	178.9	85.7	100.2	102.4	115.5	64.9	60.1	66.2	37.6	32.7	10.8	21.5	17.2	15.5	9.7	21.2	1,178.3
Q3	570.7	518.2	262.1	285.3	311.1	313.5	205.9	184.7	232.3	101.8	115.9	34.4	60.8	45.0	48.6	40.3	73.9	3,404.4
Oct	206.6	163.9	127.8	98.6	91.7	87.4	74.8	74.3	71.9	45.2	44.3	24.3	22.6	16.6	15.2	13.0	25.7	1,204.0
% Contribution																		
Sep	20.2	15.2	7.3	8.5	8.7	9.8	5.5	5.1	5.6	3.2	2.8	0.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.8	100.0
Oct	17.2	13.6	10.6	8.2	7.6	7.3	6.2	6.2	6.0	3.8	3.7	2.0	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.1	2.1	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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