

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

March 2024

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 6, 991.0 million** during the month of March 2024. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P 1, 099.2 million, representing 15.7 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) accounted for 23.8 percent and 15.2 percent of Food & Beverages imports respectively. Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Chapter 20) followed with a contribution of 8.7 percent.

Among Cereals imports, the most prominent commodity was Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat- other than seed accounting for 36.6 percent followed by Other maize (corn) with a contribution of 26.3 percent.

Beer made from malt and Other fermented beverages (Cider, Perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages not elsewhere specified made contributions of 32.8 percent and 24.6 percent respectively to chapter 22.

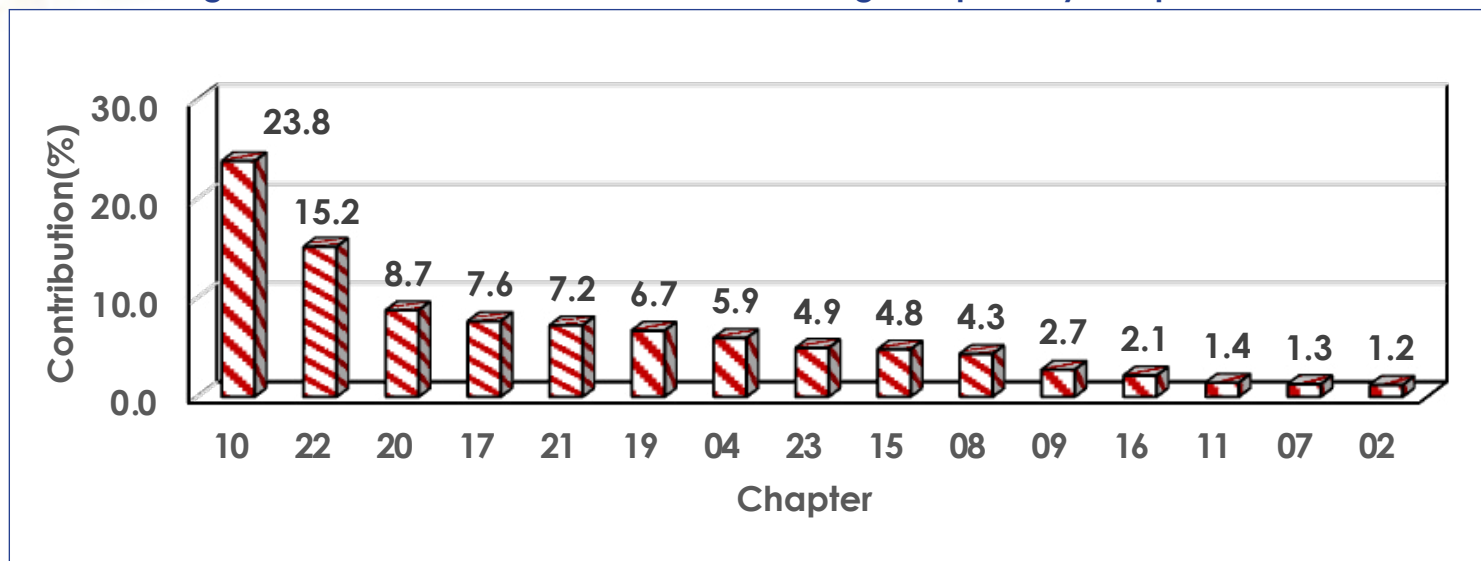
Table1: Botswana Food & Beverages (excluding live animals) imports –March 2024 and February 2024 (Million' Pula)

HS Code	Description	March	% Contribution	February	% Change
10	Cereals	261.6	23.8	237.2	10.3
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	166.6	15.2	188.4	(11.6)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	96.0	8.7	92.9	3.4
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	83.8	7.6	77.8	7.7
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	79.3	7.2	75.3	5.4
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	73.4	6.7	91.6	(19.9)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	65.1	5.9	57.8	12.7
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	54.1	4.9	55.3	(2.2)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	52.6	4.8	60.8	(13.5)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	47.5	4.3	42.3	12.5
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	30.0	2.7	31.2	(3.8)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	23.6	2.1	23.2	1.7
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	15.6	1.4	15.2	2.7
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	13.9	1.3	11.4	22.5
02	Meat and edible meat offal	13.0	1.2	6.3	106.1
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	9.3	0.8	13.5	(30.9)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	9.2	0.8	10.0	(8.1)
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2.2	0.2	3.6	(38.5)
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	1.4	0.1	5.7	(75.4)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	0.9	0.1	2.0	(56.3)
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.8
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,099.2	15.7	1,101.3	(0.2)
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	5,891.8		6,318.7	(6.8)
	Total Imports	6,991.0		7,420.0	(5.8)



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food & Beverages imports by Chapter – March 2024



Note: 'Others' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 12, 13, 14 & 18

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports – March 2024 (Million' Pula)

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100199	Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed	95.7	36.6
100590	Other Maize (corn)	68.9	26.3
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	59.0	22.6
100790	Other grain sorghum	19.9	7.6
100640	Broken rice	13.8	5.3
	Other	4.4	1.7
	Total	261.6	100.0



b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	54.6	32.8
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified	41.0	24.6
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	30.7	18.4
220210	Waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	18.7	11.3
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	5.2	3.1
220429	Other;; Unfortified wine/ Fortified wine:	3.2	1.9
220850	Gin and Geneva	2.9	1.7
220830	Whiskies	1.7	1.0
	Other	8.6	5.2
	Total	166.6	100.0

Table 3: Botswana Food & Beverages Imports (Excluding Live Animals) – January 2023 to March 2024 (Million' Pula)

Period \ HS	10	22	20	17	21	19	04	23	15	08	09	16	11	07	02	Other	Total
January_2023	187.5	167.3	78.1	64.2	53.0	65.8	49.8	47.5	31.7	41.5	17.3	32.8	12.5	11.7	9.8	24.9	895.3
February	176.7	381.9	72.4	158.9	73.3	79.4	51.9	47.4	40.8	39.3	31.0	23.5	12.1	13.8	10.2	28.3	1,241.0
March	174.6	382.1	89.5	71.9	71.5	85.7	53.3	64.1	48.4	44.2	34.9	17.9	12.7	19.6	7.7	29.4	1,207.4
Q1	538.8	931.4	240.0	295.0	197.8	230.9	155.0	159.0	120.9	125.1	83.2	74.2	37.2	45.2	27.7	82.6	3,343.8
April	138.7	374.9	61.9	60.1	66.6	80.5	56.4	45.4	47.4	33.3	33.7	16.2	13.9	17.0	10.0	27.6	1,083.7
May	180.9	160.5	82.6	88.6	72.0	92.0	55.0	53.8	67.9	28.5	30.0	15.9	10.6	21.5	10.9	26.3	997.0
June	237.8	185.5	71.6	110.0	79.5	93.6	58.0	66.8	64.6	33.3	43.9	16.5	12.5	19.5	12.4	26.5	1,132.1
Q2	557.3	720.9	216.2	258.7	218.1	266.1	169.4	166.1	179.9	95.1	107.6	48.7	37.1	58.0	33.3	80.4	3,212.8
July	195.8	198.1	90.9	88.7	71.4	95.3	61.8	51.4	61.9	32.8	43.7	19.4	11.6	12.0	7.6	22.4	1,064.9
August	165.5	336.6	88.0	110.2	74.7	89.0	64.5	64.7	72.5	35.5	40.0	24.0	14.8	13.2	9.6	38.0	1,240.8
September	161.2	445.0	84.0	60.4	100.3	84.7	64.8	59.7	70.2	37.6	41.9	12.0	14.5	14.2	15.0	40.1	1,305.6
Q3	522.5	979.7	263.0	259.3	246.4	269.1	191.2	175.8	204.6	105.9	125.6	55.3	40.9	39.3	32.3	100.5	3,611.2
October	188.3	485.3	111.7	107.9	87.8	89.5	66.6	66.9	70.6	40.5	34.5	21.4	13.9	12.6	11.6	48.9	1,458.0
November	162.0	456.8	129.1	96.4	101.3	92.1	64.7	71.5	74.8	41.5	33.6	25.1	13.9	11.1	7.7	32.5	1,414.1
December	147.9	231.9	90.5	79.6	81.4	77.6	54.8	59.3	58.8	40.2	21.5	17.5	15.1	9.8	7.5	26.9	1,020.3
Q4	498.3	1,174.0	331.4	283.9	270.5	259.2	186.1	197.7	204.2	122.2	89.7	64.0	42.9	33.5	26.9	108.2	3,892.4
Total_2023	2,116.9	3,806.0	1,050.5	1,096.9	932.8	1,025.3	701.6	698.5	709.5	448.2	406.0	242.2	158.0	175.9	120.1	371.8	14,060.2
January_2024	233.0	188.6	101.7	92.6	95.2	77.7	62.7	59.6	32.7	46.4	34.5	13.7	13.4	13.1	10.2	26.1	1,101.2
February	237.2	188.4	92.9	77.8	75.3	91.6	57.8	55.3	60.8	42.3	31.2	23.2	15.2	11.4	6.3	34.8	1,101.3
March	261.6	166.6	96.0	83.8	79.3	73.4	65.1	54.1	52.6	47.5	30.0	23.6	15.6	13.9	13.0	23.0	1,099.2
Q1	731.8	543.6	290.6	254.2	249.7	242.7	185.6	169.0	146.1	136.2	95.6	60.6	44.2	38.4	29.6	83.9	3,301.8
Contribution%																	
Feb_2024	21.5	17.1	8.4	7.1	6.8	8.3	5.2	5.0	5.5	3.8	2.8	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.6	3.2	100.0
Mar_2024	23.8	15.2	8.7	7.6	7.2	6.7	5.9	4.9	4.8	4.3	2.7	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	2.1	100.0



Annex 1: Chapters and Descriptions

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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; pastrycooks' products
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar
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