

# Botswana Food & Beverage Imports

## August 2025

**B**otswana received imports worth P6, 594.9 million in August 2025. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to P1, 207.3 million, representing 18.3 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 16.2 percent and 15.1 percent respectively. Sugars and sugar confectionery (Chapter 17) constituted 9.4 percent.

Cereals was the most prominent commodity imported. The most imported commodities among cereals was, Other Maize (corn) and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed accounting for 45.7 percent and 29.9 percent respectively. Other wheat & muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed followed with a contribution of 22.8 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the second dominant commodity imported. Beer made from malt accounted for 33.5 percent, followed by Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, Perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverage with a contribution of 18.1 percent. Other waters, including mineral waters & aerated, containing added sugar or flavoured & non -alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices) completed top three of Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar with a contribution of 14.1.

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

| HS Code | Description  | August         | % Contribution | July           | % Change     | % Change       |
|---------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 10      | Cereals  | 196.0          | 16.2           | 143.0          | 53           | 37.1           |
| 22      | Beverages, spirits and vinegar   | 182.1          | 15.1           | 148.0          | 34           | 23.1           |
| 17      | Sugars and sugar confectionery   | 113.1          | 9.4            | 79.9           | 33           | 41.6           |
| 19      | Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products  | 110.2          | 9.1            | 98.5           | 12           | 11.9           |
| 20      | Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants   | 97.4           | 8.1            | 86.9           | 11           | 12.1           |
| 21      | Miscellaneous edible preparations  | 93.5           | 7.7            | 82.8           | 11           | 12.8           |
| 15      | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes           | 83.8           | 6.9            | 82.2           | 2            | 1.9            |
| 04      | Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included         | 77.7           | 6.4            | 63.3           | 14           | 22.8           |
| 23      | Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder   | 68.7           | 5.7            | 55.8           | 13           | 23.1           |
| 09      | Coffee, tea, mate and spices   | 44.1           | 3.7            | 39.0           | 5            | 13.1           |
| 08      | Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons   | 37.8           | 3.1            | 26.3           | 12           | 43.7           |
| 07      | Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible  | 18.3           | 1.5            | 15.9           | 2            | 15.3           |
| 12      | Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder | 18.3           | 1.5            | 14.7           | 4            | 24.2           |
| 02      | Meat and edible meat offal   | 16.3           | 1.4            | 23.0           | (7)          | (29.1)         |
| 18      | Cocoa and cocoa preparations   | 14.4           | 1.2            | 16.2           | (2)          | (11.1)         |
| 11      | Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten   | 14.1           | 1.2            | 13.6           | 1            | 4.3            |
|         | <b>Other</b>   | <b>21.2</b>    | <b>1.8</b>     | <b>20.7</b>    | <b>0.4</b>   | <b>(227.4)</b> |
|         | <b>Total Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>  | <b>1,207.3</b> | <b>18.3</b>    | <b>1,009.9</b> | <b>197</b>   | <b>19.5</b>    |
|         | <b>Non-Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>  | <b>5,388</b>   | <b>81.7</b>    | <b>5,529</b>   | <b>(142)</b> | <b>(2.6)</b>   |
|         | <b>Total Imports</b>   | <b>6,594.9</b> | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>6,539.3</b> | <b>56</b>    | <b>0.8</b>     |

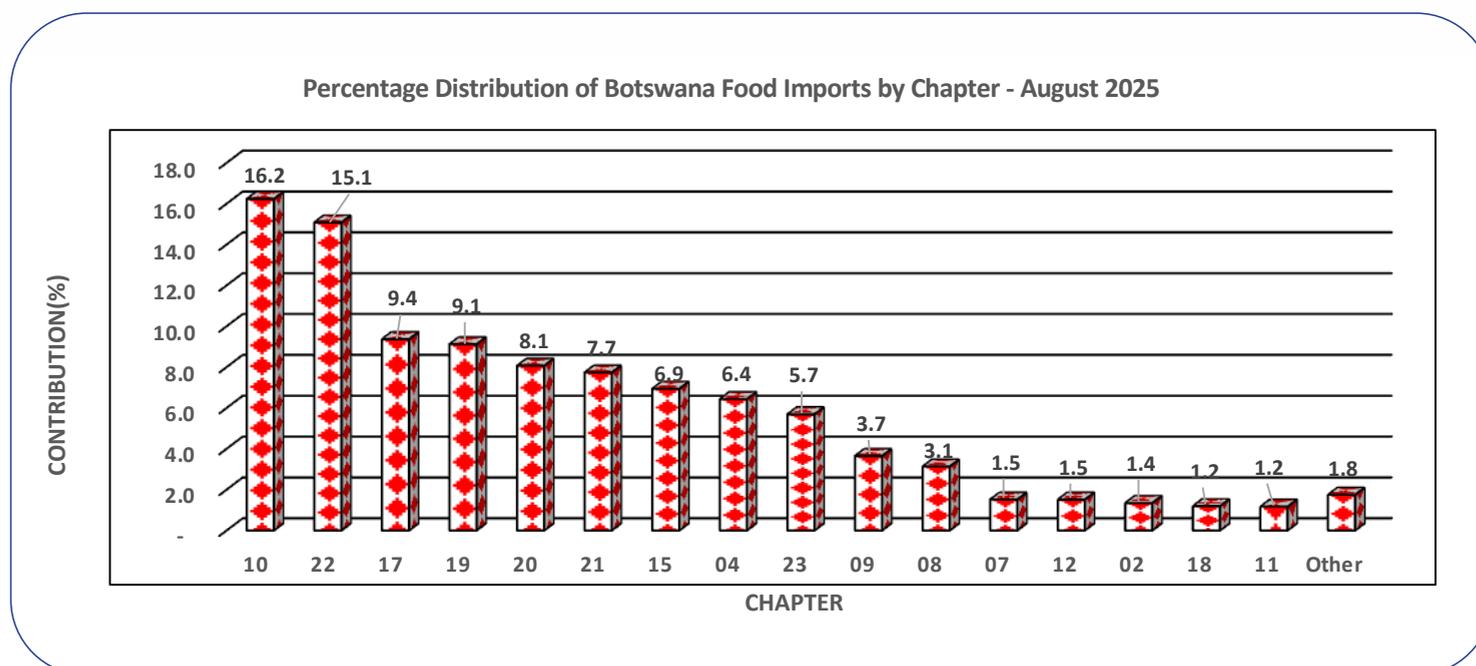
Excluding 5,3,6,13&14,18,7,11,12,16

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## Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – August 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 –August 2025

| a) Cereals |  |              |                |
|------------|--|--------------|----------------|
| HS Code    | Description  | BW Pula      | % Contribution |
| 100590     | Other maize (corn)   | 89.7         | 45.7           |
| 100630     | Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 58.7         | 29.9           |
| 100199     | Other wheat & muslin, not durum wheat other than seed                | 44.7         | 22.8           |
| 100640     | Broken rice  | 2.2          | 1.1            |
|            | <b>Other</b>   | <b>0.7</b>   | <b>0.4</b>     |
|            | <b>Total</b>   | <b>196.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>   |

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| b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar |   |                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| HS Code                           | Description   | BW Pula (Million) | % Contribution |
| 220300                            | Beer made from malt   | 61.1              | 33.5           |
| 220600                            | Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included   | 33.0              | 18.1           |
| 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 ) | 25.7              | 14.1           |
| 220210                            | Waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured   | 12.9              | 7.1            |
| 220421                            | In containers holding 2 li or less; Unfortified wine / Fortified wine   | 12.0              | 6.6            |
| 220850                            | Gin and Geneva  | 8.9               | 4.9            |
| 220830                            | Whiskies  | 5.5               | 3.0            |
| 220870                            | Liqueurs & cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other   | 5.5               | 3.0            |
| 220422                            | In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li  | 3.2               | 1.7            |
| 220890                            | Other;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other   | 2.8               | 1.5            |
| 220820                            | Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc   | 2.6               | 1.4            |
| 220860                            | Vodka   | 1.9               | 1.1            |
| 220900                            | Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid   | 1.5               | 0.8            |
| 220840                            | Rum and other spirits obtained by distilling fermented sugarcane products   | 1.4               | 0.8            |
| 220429                            | Other; Unfortified wine; Fortified wine   | 1.4               | 0.7            |
| 220410                            | Please Edit description as required   | 1.1               | 0.6            |
|                                   | <b>Other</b>  | <b>1.6</b>        | <b>0.9</b>     |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>  | <b>182.1</b>      | <b>100.0</b>   |

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

| Period \ HS           | 10             | 22             | 17             | 19             | 20             | 21             | 15           | 04           | 23           | 09           | 08           | Other          | Total           |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jan_2024              | 233.4          | 188.6          | 92.6           | 77.7           | 101.7          | 95.2           | 32.7         | 62.7         | 59.6         | 34.5         | 46.4         | 76.6           | 1,101.6         |
| Feb                   | 237.5          | 188.4          | 77.8           | 91.6           | 92.9           | 75.3           | 60.8         | 57.8         | 55.3         | 31.2         | 42.3         | 91.1           | 1,102.0         |
| Mar                   | 262.0          | 222.8          | 85.9           | 74.4           | 96.0           | 79.4           | 52.6         | 66.2         | 54.1         | 30.0         | 47.7         | 89.6           | 1,160.6         |
| <b>Q1</b>             | <b>732.8</b>   | <b>599.8</b>   | <b>256.3</b>   | <b>243.8</b>   | <b>290.6</b>   | <b>249.8</b>   | <b>146.1</b> | <b>186.7</b> | <b>169.0</b> | <b>95.7</b>  | <b>136.4</b> | <b>257.2</b>   | <b>3,364.2</b>  |
| Apr                   | 183.6          | 224.9          | 83.6           | 111.1          | 110.9          | 75.7           | 56.8         | 59.3         | 63.2         | 34.8         | 44.1         | 91.3           | 1,139.4         |
| May                   | 281.0          | 189.1          | 108.4          | 101.2          | 91.0           | 92.0           | 58.9         | 66.4         | 70.0         | 43.8         | 36.1         | 112.3          | 1,250.3         |
| Jun                   | 184.1          | 166.9          | 83.1           | 107.7          | 84.6           | 96.4           | 63.9         | 78.5         | 58.1         | 51.3         | 33.9         | 108.3          | 1,116.7         |
| <b>Q2</b>             | <b>648.7</b>   | <b>580.9</b>   | <b>275.1</b>   | <b>320.0</b>   | <b>286.5</b>   | <b>264.1</b>   | <b>179.5</b> | <b>204.2</b> | <b>191.4</b> | <b>129.9</b> | <b>114.1</b> | <b>311.9</b>   | <b>3,506.4</b>  |
| Jul                   | 216.2          | 190.8          | 106.5          | 115.0          | 93.3           | 82.2           | 70.1         | 69.4         | 78.6         | 40.7         | 38.6         | 132.0          | 1,233.3         |
| Aug                   | 258.2          | 219.3          | 123.4          | 101.4          | 100.8          | 94.3           | 67.4         | 71.8         | 76.8         | 50.8         | 41.0         | 116.2          | 1,321.5         |
| Sep                   | 163.2          | 222.4          | 99.3           | 86.3           | 101.0          | 111.2          | 68.2         | 66.6         | 70.1         | 37.2         | 47.2         | 127.5          | 1,200.2         |
| <b>Q3</b>             | <b>637.7</b>   | <b>632.4</b>   | <b>329.2</b>   | <b>302.7</b>   | <b>295.2</b>   | <b>287.7</b>   | <b>205.7</b> | <b>207.8</b> | <b>225.5</b> | <b>128.7</b> | <b>126.8</b> | <b>375.7</b>   | <b>3,755.0</b>  |
| Oct                   | 207.1          | 240.5          | 110.3          | 106.1          | 122.4          | 100.4          | 63.0         | 74.9         | 74.5         | 38.9         | 50.2         | 114.9          | 1,303.1         |
| Nov                   | 316.4          | 252.7          | 113.4          | 94.6           | 146.6          | 121.7          | 50.4         | 69.1         | 77.4         | 51.0         | 51.1         | 101.4          | 1,445.8         |
| Dec                   | 232.7          | 228.3          | 102.7          | 97.5           | 144.3          | 104.4          | 73.9         | 71.8         | 68.7         | 28.7         | 54.7         | 117.5          | 1,325.2         |
| <b>Q4</b>             | <b>756.2</b>   | <b>721.5</b>   | <b>326.4</b>   | <b>298.1</b>   | <b>413.4</b>   | <b>326.5</b>   | <b>187.3</b> | <b>215.8</b> | <b>220.6</b> | <b>118.7</b> | <b>156.0</b> | <b>333.8</b>   | <b>4,074.2</b>  |
| <b>Total_2024</b>     | <b>2,775.4</b> | <b>2,534.6</b> | <b>1,187.0</b> | <b>1,164.6</b> | <b>1,285.7</b> | <b>1,128.0</b> | <b>718.6</b> | <b>814.5</b> | <b>806.4</b> | <b>473.0</b> | <b>533.3</b> | <b>1,278.5</b> | <b>14,699.7</b> |
| Jan_2025              | 187.3          | 221.6          | 101.3          | 93.6           | 83.1           | 77.7           | 64.0         | 64.3         | 58.2         | 19.9         | 48.6         | 78.0           | 1,097.6         |
| Feb                   | 243.3          | 256.5          | 94.8           | 94.9           | 94.7           | 88.3           | 47.5         | 64.8         | 54.3         | 45.9         | 51.1         | 106.6          | 1,242.6         |
| Mar                   | 262.8          | 160.0          | 107.7          | 104.0          | 95.6           | 90.1           | 49.3         | 74.3         | 57.9         | 37.8         | 49.0         | 126.0          | 1,214.5         |
| <b>Q1</b>             | <b>693.4</b>   | <b>638.1</b>   | <b>303.9</b>   | <b>292.4</b>   | <b>273.4</b>   | <b>256.0</b>   | <b>160.8</b> | <b>203.4</b> | <b>170.4</b> | <b>103.6</b> | <b>148.6</b> | <b>310.6</b>   | <b>3,554.6</b>  |
| Apr                   | 200.7          | 129.4          | 88.1           | 97.4           | 94.9           | 76.8           | 54.7         | 56.9         | 45.7         | 25.5         | 38.3         | 145.5          | 1,054.0         |
| May                   | 216.5          | 168.5          | 99.5           | 112.3          | 110.5          | 112.7          | 78.3         | 66.3         | 68.5         | 48.4         | 37.8         | 142.3          | 1,261.6         |
| Jun                   | 167.9          | 166.7          | 111.9          | 107.0          | 89.3           | 84.5           | 76.0         | 62.0         | 52.7         | 45.5         | 28.0         | 98.6           | 1,090.1         |
| <b>Q2</b>             | <b>585.2</b>   | <b>464.6</b>   | <b>299.5</b>   | <b>316.7</b>   | <b>294.6</b>   | <b>274.0</b>   | <b>209.0</b> | <b>185.2</b> | <b>166.9</b> | <b>119.3</b> | <b>104.2</b> | <b>386.3</b>   | <b>3,405.7</b>  |
| Jul                   | 143.0          | 148.0          | 79.9           | 98.5           | 86.9           | 82.8           | 82.2         | 63.3         | 55.8         | 39.0         | 26.3         | 104.2          | 1,009.9         |
| Aug                   | 196.0          | 182.1          | 113.1          | 110.2          | 97.4           | 93.5           | 83.8         | 77.7         | 68.7         | 44.1         | 37.8         | 102.7          | 1,207.3         |
| <b>% Contribution</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |              |                |                 |
| <b>Jul</b>            | <b>14.2</b>    | <b>14.7</b>    | <b>7.9</b>     | <b>9.8</b>     | <b>8.6</b>     | <b>8.2</b>     | <b>8.1</b>   | <b>6.3</b>   | <b>5.5</b>   | <b>3.9</b>   | <b>2.6</b>   | <b>10.3</b>    | <b>100.0</b>    |
| <b>Aug</b>            | <b>16.2</b>    | <b>15.1</b>    | <b>9.4</b>     | <b>9.1</b>     | <b>8.1</b>     | <b>7.7</b>     | <b>6.9</b>   | <b>6.4</b>   | <b>5.7</b>   | <b>3.7</b>   | <b>3.1</b>   | <b>8.5</b>     | <b>100.0</b>    |

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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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