

# BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

## December 2024

In December 2024, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P7, 927.2 million**. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P1, 322.2 million, representing 16.7 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) accounted for 17.6 percent and 17.3 percent of Food & Beverages imports in that order. Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Chapter 20) followed with a contribution of 10.9 percent.

Cereals was the most prominent commodity imported. The most imported types of cereals was Other Maize (corn) accounting for 38.2 percent followed by Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed with a contribution of 24.7 percent. Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed followed with a contribution of 23.9 percent.

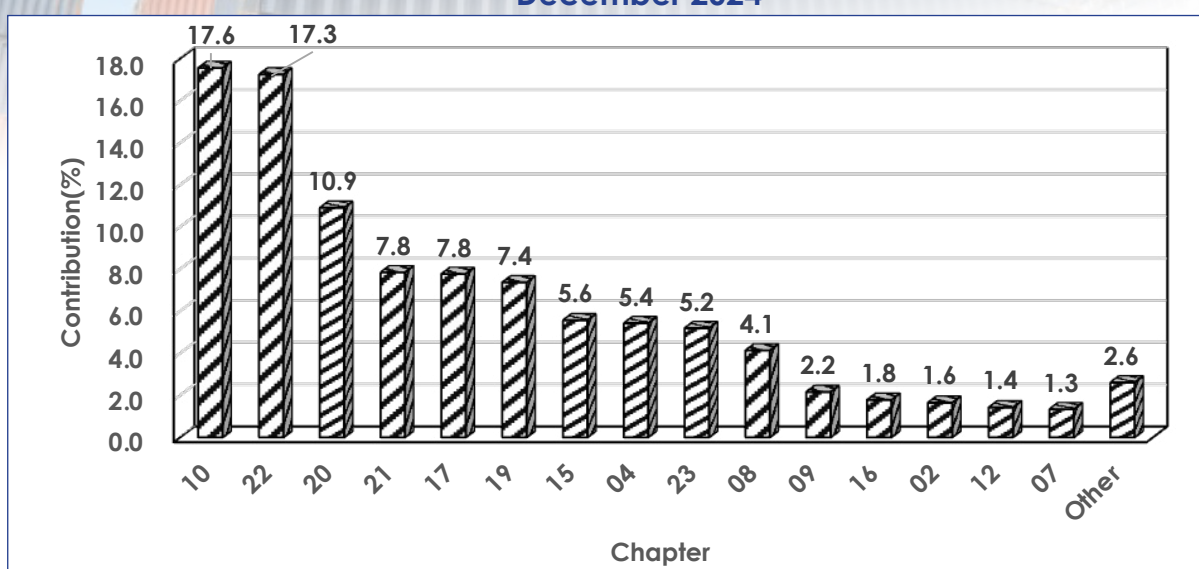
The Beverages, spirits & vinegar were the second dominant commodity imported. Beer made from malt and Other waters, including mineral waters aerated, containing added sugar or flavored & non-alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices) made contributions of 37.7 percent and 17.1 percent to chapter 22 respectively.

**Table1: Botswana Food & Beverages Imports (excluding live animals) – December and November 2024 (Million Pula)**

| HS | HS DESCRIPTION   | December       | % Contribution | November       | % Change      |
|----|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 10 | Cereals  | 232.2          | 17.6           | 316.3          | (36.2)        |
| 22 | Beverages, spirits and vinegar   | 228.1          | 17.3           | 252.6          | (10.7)        |
| 20 | Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants   | 144.3          | 10.9           | 146.2          | (1.3)         |
| 21 | Miscellaneous edible preparations  | 103.8          | 7.8            | 121.7          | (17.3)        |
| 17 | Sugars and sugar confectionery   | 102.7          | 7.8            | 112.3          | (9.3)         |
| 19 | Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products  | 97.4           | 7.4            | 94.6           | 2.9           |
| 15 | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes           | 73.6           | 5.6            | 50.4           | 31.6          |
| 04 | Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included         | 71.8           | 5.4            | 69.1           | 3.7           |
| 23 | Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder   | 68.7           | 5.2            | 77.3           | (12.5)        |
| 08 | Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons   | 54.7           | 4.1            | 51.1           | 6.5           |
| 09 | Coffee, tea, mate and spices   | 28.6           | 2.2            | 51.0           | (78.7)        |
| 16 | Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof                                 | 23.6           | 1.8            | 17.5           | 25.6          |
| 02 | Meat and edible meat offal   | 21.8           | 1.6            | 13.6           | 37.7          |
| 12 | Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder | 18.8           | 1.4            | 23.3           | (23.9)        |
| 07 | Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible  | 17.7           | 1.3            | 8.4            | 52.5          |
|    | Other  | 34.5           | 2.6            | 38.6           | (11.8)        |
|    | <b>Total Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>  | <b>1,322.2</b> | <b>16.7</b>    | <b>1,444.0</b> | <b>(9.2)</b>  |
|    | <b>Non-Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>  | <b>6,605.0</b> | <b>83.3</b>    | <b>7,858.2</b> | <b>(19.0)</b> |
|    | <b>Total Imports</b>   | <b>7,927.2</b> | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>9,302.2</b> | <b>(17.3)</b> |



## Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food & Beverages imports by Chapter - December 2024



Note: 'Others' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 11, 13, 14 & 18

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

| a) Cereals |  |                   |                |
|------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| HS Code    | Description  | BW Pula (Million) | % Contribution |
| 100590     | Other Maize (corn)   | 88.7              | 38.2           |
| 100630     | Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 57.4              | 24.7           |
| 100199     | Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed              | 55.6              | 23.9           |
| 100790     | Other grain Sorghum  | 12.3              | 5.3            |
| 100510     | Maize Seed   | 8.3               | 3.6            |
| 100640     | Broken rice  | 4.6               | 2.0            |
| 100610     | Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)                                    | 4.5               | 1.9            |
|            | Other  | 0.9               | 0.4            |
|            | <b>Total</b>   | <b>232.2</b>      | <b>100.0</b>   |

| b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar |  |                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| HS Code                           | Description  | BW Pula (Million) | % Contribution |
| 220300                            | Beer made from malt:   | 86.1              | 37.7           |
| 220299                            | Other waters, including mineral waters aerated, containing added sugar or flavoured & non-alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices)       | 39.0              | 17.1           |
| 220600                            | Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages | 35.0              | 15.3           |
| 220210                            | Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:   | 26.1              | 11.5           |
| 220421                            | In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:   | 6.8               | 3.0            |
| 220429                            | Other;; Unfortified wine;; Fortified wine:   | 5.9               | 2.6            |
| 220870                            | Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:   | 5.3               | 2.3            |
| 220830                            | Whiskies:  | 5.2               | 2.3            |
| 220422                            | In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li   | 4.7               | 2.1            |
| 220890                            | Other;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:   | 3.1               | 1.4            |
| 220850                            | Gin and Geneva:  | 2.8               | 1.2            |
| 220820                            | Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc:   | 2.2               | 1.0            |
|                                   | Other  | 5.8               | 2.5            |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>   | <b>228.1</b>      | <b>100.0</b>   |

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

| Period \ HS           | 10             | 22             | 20             | 21             | 17             | 19             | 15           | 04           | 23           | 08           | 09           | 16           | 02           | 12           | 07           | Other        | Total           |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Jan_2023              | 187.5          | 167.3          | 78.1           | 53.0           | 64.2           | 65.8           | 31.7         | 49.8         | 47.5         | 41.5         | 17.3         | 32.8         | 9.8          | 14.8         | 11.7         | 22.6         | 895.3           |
| Feb                   | 176.7          | 381.9          | 72.4           | 73.3           | 158.9          | 79.4           | 40.8         | 51.9         | 47.4         | 39.3         | 31.0         | 23.5         | 10.2         | 8.9          | 13.8         | 31.4         | 1,241.0         |
| Mar                   | 174.6          | 382.1          | 89.5           | 71.5           | 71.9           | 85.7           | 48.4         | 53.3         | 64.1         | 44.2         | 34.9         | 17.9         | 7.7          | 8.9          | 19.6         | 33.2         | 1,207.4         |
| <b>Q1</b>             | <b>538.8</b>   | <b>931.4</b>   | <b>240.0</b>   | <b>197.8</b>   | <b>295.0</b>   | <b>230.9</b>   | <b>120.9</b> | <b>155.0</b> | <b>159.0</b> | <b>125.1</b> | <b>83.2</b>  | <b>74.2</b>  | <b>27.7</b>  | <b>32.6</b>  | <b>45.2</b>  | <b>87.3</b>  | <b>3,343.8</b>  |
| Apr                   | 138.7          | 374.9          | 61.9           | 66.6           | 60.1           | 80.5           | 47.4         | 56.4         | 45.4         | 33.3         | 33.7         | 16.2         | 10.0         | 6.7          | 17.0         | 34.8         | 1,083.7         |
| May                   | 180.9          | 160.5          | 82.6           | 72.0           | 88.6           | 92.0           | 67.9         | 55.0         | 53.8         | 28.5         | 30.0         | 15.9         | 10.9         | 6.8          | 21.5         | 30.1         | 997.0           |
| Jun                   | 237.8          | 185.5          | 71.6           | 79.5           | 110.0          | 93.6           | 64.6         | 58.0         | 66.8         | 33.3         | 43.9         | 16.5         | 12.4         | 10.5         | 19.5         | 28.5         | 1,132.1         |
| <b>Q2</b>             | <b>557.3</b>   | <b>720.9</b>   | <b>216.2</b>   | <b>218.1</b>   | <b>258.7</b>   | <b>266.1</b>   | <b>179.9</b> | <b>169.4</b> | <b>166.1</b> | <b>95.1</b>  | <b>107.6</b> | <b>48.7</b>  | <b>33.3</b>  | <b>24.0</b>  | <b>58.0</b>  | <b>93.5</b>  | <b>3,212.8</b>  |
| Jul                   | 195.8          | 198.1          | 90.9           | 71.4           | 88.7           | 95.3           | 61.9         | 61.8         | 51.4         | 32.8         | 43.7         | 19.4         | 7.6          | 8.6          | 12.0         | 25.5         | 1,064.9         |
| Aug                   | 165.5          | 336.6          | 88.0           | 74.7           | 110.2          | 89.0           | 72.5         | 64.5         | 64.7         | 35.5         | 40.0         | 24.0         | 9.6          | 13.0         | 13.2         | 39.8         | 1,240.8         |
| Sep                   | 161.2          | 463.8          | 84.0           | 100.3          | 60.4           | 84.7           | 70.2         | 64.8         | 59.7         | 37.6         | 41.9         | 12.0         | 15.0         | 15.6         | 14.2         | 38.9         | 1,324.4         |
| <b>Q3</b>             | <b>522.5</b>   | <b>998.6</b>   | <b>263.0</b>   | <b>246.4</b>   | <b>259.3</b>   | <b>269.1</b>   | <b>204.6</b> | <b>191.2</b> | <b>175.8</b> | <b>105.9</b> | <b>125.6</b> | <b>55.3</b>  | <b>32.3</b>  | <b>37.2</b>  | <b>39.3</b>  | <b>104.2</b> | <b>3,630.1</b>  |
| Oct                   | 188.3          | 485.3          | 111.7          | 87.8           | 107.9          | 89.5           | 70.6         | 66.6         | 66.9         | 40.5         | 34.5         | 21.4         | 11.6         | 25.0         | 12.6         | 37.8         | 1,458.1         |
| Nov                   | 162.0          | 456.9          | 129.1          | 101.3          | 96.4           | 92.1           | 74.8         | 64.7         | 71.5         | 41.5         | 33.6         | 25.1         | 7.7          | 14.6         | 11.1         | 31.7         | 1,414.2         |
| Dec                   | 147.9          | 231.9          | 90.8           | 81.4           | 79.6           | 77.6           | 58.8         | 54.8         | 59.3         | 40.2         | 21.5         | 17.5         | 7.5          | 11.5         | 9.8          | 30.6         | 1,020.6         |
| <b>Q4</b>             | <b>498.3</b>   | <b>1,174.1</b> | <b>331.6</b>   | <b>270.5</b>   | <b>283.9</b>   | <b>259.2</b>   | <b>204.2</b> | <b>186.1</b> | <b>197.7</b> | <b>122.2</b> | <b>89.7</b>  | <b>64.0</b>  | <b>26.9</b>  | <b>51.0</b>  | <b>33.5</b>  | <b>100.1</b> | <b>3,892.8</b>  |
| <b>Total_2023</b>     | <b>2,116.9</b> | <b>3,824.9</b> | <b>1,050.8</b> | <b>932.8</b>   | <b>1,096.9</b> | <b>1,025.3</b> | <b>709.5</b> | <b>701.6</b> | <b>698.5</b> | <b>448.3</b> | <b>406.0</b> | <b>242.2</b> | <b>120.1</b> | <b>144.8</b> | <b>176.0</b> | <b>385.0</b> | <b>14,079.5</b> |
| Jan_2024              | 233.4          | 188.6          | 101.7          | 95.2           | 92.6           | 77.7           | 32.7         | 62.7         | 59.6         | 46.4         | 34.5         | 13.7         | 10.2         | 12.0         | 13.1         | 27.5         | 1,101.6         |
| Feb                   | 237.5          | 188.4          | 92.9           | 75.3           | 77.8           | 91.6           | 60.8         | 57.8         | 55.3         | 42.3         | 31.2         | 23.2         | 6.3          | 10.0         | 11.4         | 40.1         | 1,102.0         |
| Mar                   | 262.0          | 222.8          | 96.0           | 79.4           | 85.9           | 74.4           | 52.6         | 66.2         | 54.1         | 47.7         | 30.0         | 23.6         | 13.0         | 9.3          | 14.0         | 29.6         | 1,160.5         |
| <b>Q1</b>             | <b>732.8</b>   | <b>599.8</b>   | <b>290.6</b>   | <b>249.8</b>   | <b>256.3</b>   | <b>243.8</b>   | <b>146.1</b> | <b>186.7</b> | <b>169.0</b> | <b>136.4</b> | <b>95.7</b>  | <b>60.6</b>  | <b>29.6</b>  | <b>31.3</b>  | <b>38.5</b>  | <b>97.2</b>  | <b>3,364.1</b>  |
| Apr                   | 183.6          | 224.9          | 110.9          | 75.7           | 83.6           | 111.1          | 56.8         | 59.3         | 63.2         | 44.1         | 34.8         | 15.1         | 14.9         | 11.2         | 16.4         | 33.7         | 1,139.4         |
| May                   | 281.0          | 189.1          | 91.0           | 92.0           | 108.4          | 101.2          | 58.9         | 66.4         | 70.0         | 36.1         | 43.8         | 17.5         | 22.7         | 14.4         | 16.4         | 41.3         | 1,250.3         |
| Jun                   | 184.1          | 166.9          | 84.6           | 96.4           | 83.1           | 107.7          | 63.9         | 78.5         | 58.1         | 33.9         | 51.3         | 20.2         | 18.1         | 14.2         | 15.6         | 40.2         | 1,116.7         |
| <b>Q2</b>             | <b>648.7</b>   | <b>580.9</b>   | <b>286.5</b>   | <b>264.1</b>   | <b>275.1</b>   | <b>320.0</b>   | <b>179.5</b> | <b>204.2</b> | <b>191.4</b> | <b>114.1</b> | <b>129.9</b> | <b>52.9</b>  | <b>55.7</b>  | <b>39.7</b>  | <b>48.4</b>  | <b>115.2</b> | <b>3,506.4</b>  |
| Jul                   | 216.2          | 190.8          | 93.3           | 82.2           | 106.5          | 115.0          | 70.1         | 69.4         | 78.6         | 38.6         | 40.7         | 33.0         | 18.1         | 18.5         | 15.4         | 47.0         | 1,233.3         |
| Aug                   | 258.2          | 219.3          | 100.7          | 94.3           | 123.4          | 101.4          | 67.4         | 71.8         | 76.8         | 41.0         | 50.8         | 20.8         | 20.7         | 19.0         | 12.9         | 42.7         | 1,321.5         |
| Sep                   | 163.2          | 222.4          | 101.0          | 111.2          | 99.3           | 86.3           | 68.2         | 66.6         | 70.1         | 47.2         | 37.2         | 19.9         | 20.4         | 22.6         | 9.7          | 54.8         | 1,200.2         |
| <b>Q3</b>             | <b>637.7</b>   | <b>632.5</b>   | <b>295.1</b>   | <b>287.7</b>   | <b>329.2</b>   | <b>302.7</b>   | <b>205.7</b> | <b>207.8</b> | <b>225.5</b> | <b>126.8</b> | <b>128.7</b> | <b>73.8</b>  | <b>59.2</b>  | <b>60.1</b>  | <b>38.0</b>  | <b>144.5</b> | <b>3,755.0</b>  |
| Oct                   | 207.1          | 240.5          | 122.4          | 100.4          | 110.3          | 106.1          | 63.0         | 74.9         | 74.5         | 50.2         | 38.9         | 23.6         | 20.8         | 19.6         | 6.4          | 44.4         | 1,303.1         |
| Nov                   | 316.3          | 252.6          | 146.2          | 121.7          | 112.3          | 94.6           | 50.4         | 69.1         | 77.3         | 51.1         | 51.0         | 17.5         | 13.6         | 23.3         | 8.4          | 38.6         | 1,444.0         |
| Dec                   | 232.2          | 228.1          | 144.3          | 103.8          | 102.7          | 97.4           | 73.6         | 71.8         | 68.7         | 54.7         | 28.6         | 23.6         | 21.8         | 18.8         | 17.7         | 34.5         | 1,322.2         |
| <b>Q4</b>             | <b>755.6</b>   | <b>721.2</b>   | <b>412.9</b>   | <b>325.9</b>   | <b>325.4</b>   | <b>298.1</b>   | <b>187.0</b> | <b>215.8</b> | <b>220.4</b> | <b>156.0</b> | <b>118.6</b> | <b>64.7</b>  | <b>56.1</b>  | <b>61.7</b>  | <b>32.6</b>  | <b>117.5</b> | <b>4,069.3</b>  |
| <b>Total_2024</b>     | <b>2,774.8</b> | <b>2,534.4</b> | <b>1,285.2</b> | <b>1,127.4</b> | <b>1,185.9</b> | <b>1,164.5</b> | <b>718.3</b> | <b>814.5</b> | <b>806.2</b> | <b>533.3</b> | <b>472.9</b> | <b>251.9</b> | <b>200.6</b> | <b>192.9</b> | <b>157.5</b> | <b>474.4</b> | <b>14,694.8</b> |
| <b>% Contribution</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                 |
| Nov                   | 21.9           | 17.5           | 10.1           | 8.4            | 7.8            | 6.5            | 3.5          | 4.8          | 5.4          | 3.5          | 3.5          | 1.2          | 0.9          | 1.6          | 0.6          | 2.7          | 100.0           |
| Dec                   | 17.6           | 17.3           | 10.9           | 7.8            | 7.8            | 7.4            | 5.6          | 5.4          | 5.2          | 4.1          | 2.2          | 1.8          | 1.6          | 1.4          | 1.3          | 2.6          | 100.0           |

Note: 'Other' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 11, 13, 14 & 18



## 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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