

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

February 2025

In February, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P6, 658.8 million**. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P1, 235.8 million, representing 18.6 percent of total imports. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) and Cereals (Chapter 10) accounted for 20.6 percent and 19.6 percent of Food & Beverages imports in that order. Sugars & sugar confectionery (Chapter 17) followed with a contribution of 7.7 percent.

Beverages, spirits & vinegar was the most prominent commodity imported. The most imported types of within the Chapter was Beer made from malt: accounting for 36.1 percent, followed by Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, with a contribution of 22.8 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 16.4 percent.

Cereals were the second dominant commodity imported. Other Maize (corn) and Other grain Sorghum accounted for the largest shares at 44.7 percent and 21.0 percent to chapter 10 respectively. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed followed with a contribution of 17.7 percent.

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

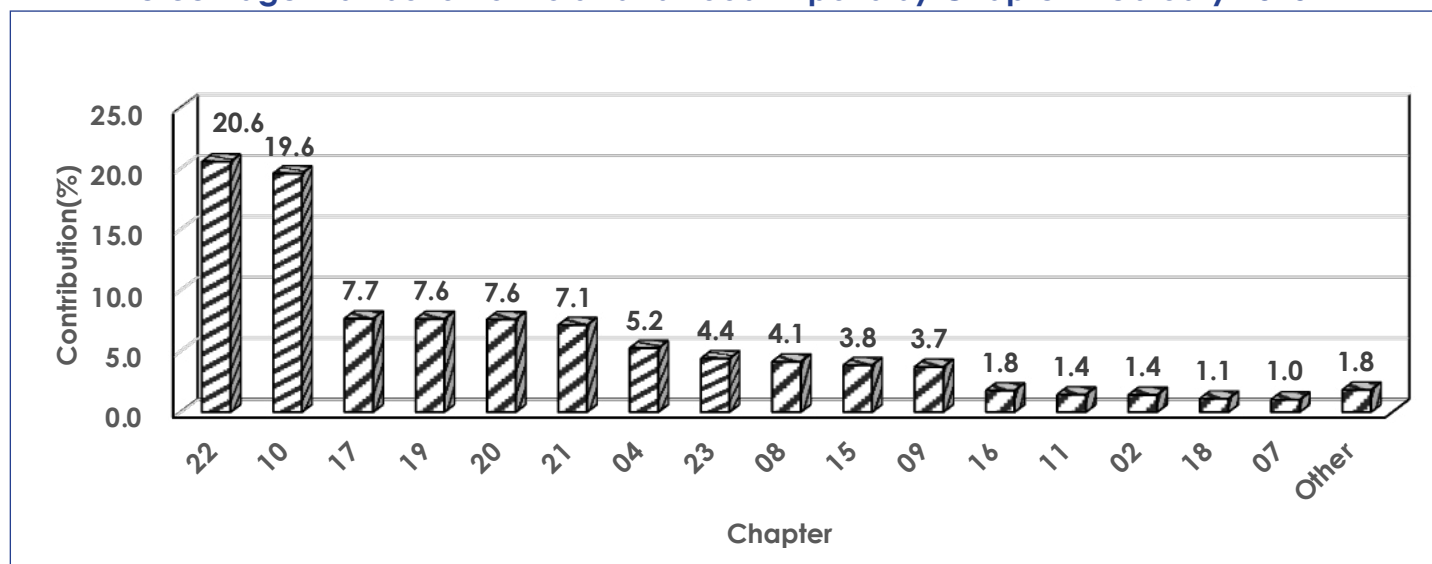
HS	HS DESCRIPTION	Feb-25	% Contribution	Jan-25	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	254.0	20.6	221.0	14.9
10	Cereals	241.9	19.6	187.3	29.2
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	94.8	7.7	101.3	(6.5)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	94.3	7.6	93.6	0.8
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	94.0	7.6	83.1	13.1
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	88.2	7.1	77.7	13.6
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	64.8	5.2	64.3	0.7
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	54.3	4.4	58.2	(6.8)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	51.1	4.1	48.6	5.1
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	47.5	3.8	64.0	(25.8)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	45.8	3.7	19.9	130.0
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	21.8	1.8	13.8	58.0
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	17.8	1.4	15.5	14.5
02	Meat and edible meat offal	17.3	1.4	11.3	52.8
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	13.5	1.1	12.5	7.2
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	12.5	1.0	11.0	13.6
	Other	22.4	1.8	13.8	62.4
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,235.8	18.6	1,097.0	12.6
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	5,423.0	81.4	5,755.0	(5.8)
	Total Imports	6,658.8	100.0	6,852.0	(2.8)

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



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –February 2025



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

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar

HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt:	91.8	36.1
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	57.9	22.8
220299	Other waters, including mineral waters & water aerated , containing added sugar or flavoured & non -alcoholic beverages(excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices)	41.8	16.4
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	15.8	6.2
220421	Wine, In containers holding 2 li or less:: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	9.2	3.6
220870	Liqueurs and cordials:: In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	7.6	3.0
220850	Gin and Geneva:	6.7	2.6
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	4.8	1.9
220830	Whiskies:	3.8	1.5
220890	Other:: In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	3.3	1.3
220429	Other:: Unfortified wine:: Fortified wine:	3.3	1.3
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc:	3.1	1.2
	Other	4.9	1.9
	Total	254.0	100.0

b) Cereals

HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	108.1	44.7
100199	Other grain Sorghum not for sowing	50.9	21.0
100790	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	42.7	17.7
100630	Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed	32.7	13.5
100610	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	3.1	1.3
100640	Broken rice	3.1	1.3
	Other	1.4	0.6
	Total	241.9	100.0

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

Period \ HS	22	10	17	19	20	21	04	23	08	15	09	16	11	02	18	07	12	Other	Total
Jan_2024	188.6	233.4	92.6	77.7	101.7	95.2	62.7	59.6	46.4	32.7	34.5	13.7	13.4	10.2	8.6	13.1	12.0	17.5	1,113.6
Feb	188.4	237.5	77.8	91.6	92.9	75.3	57.8	55.3	42.3	60.8	31.2	23.2	15.3	6.3	13.5	11.4	10.0	21.3	1,112.0
Mar	222.8	262.0	85.9	74.4	96.0	79.4	66.2	54.1	47.7	52.6	30.0	23.6	15.6	13.0	9.3	14.0	9.3	14.0	1,169.9
Q1	599.8	732.8	256.3	243.8	290.6	249.8	186.7	169.0	136.4	146.1	95.7	60.6	44.3	29.6	31.4	38.5	31.3	52.9	3,395.5
Apr	224.9	183.6	83.6	111.1	110.9	75.7	59.3	63.2	44.1	56.8	34.8	15.1	14.5	14.9	9.1	16.4	11.2	21.3	1,150.6
May	189.1	281.0	108.4	101.2	91.0	92.0	66.4	70.0	36.1	58.9	43.8	17.5	19.2	22.7	12.2	16.4	14.4	24.3	1,264.7
Jun	166.9	184.1	83.1	107.7	84.6	96.4	78.5	58.1	33.9	63.9	51.3	20.2	15.9	18.1	16.5	15.6	14.2	21.9	1,130.8
Q2	580.9	648.7	275.1	320.0	286.5	264.1	204.2	191.4	114.1	179.5	129.9	52.9	49.6	55.7	37.8	48.4	39.7	67.5	3,546.2
Jul	190.8	216.2	106.5	115.0	93.3	82.2	69.4	78.6	38.6	70.1	40.7	33.0	19.4	18.1	19.6	15.4	18.5	26.4	1,251.8
Aug	219.3	258.2	123.4	101.4	100.7	94.3	71.8	76.8	41.0	67.4	50.8	20.8	13.6	20.7	15.1	12.9	19.0	33.0	1,340.5
Sep	222.4	163.2	99.3	86.3	101.0	111.2	66.6	70.1	47.2	68.2	37.2	19.9	16.3	20.4	16.7	9.7	22.6	44.5	1,222.8
Q3	632.5	637.7	329.2	302.7	295.1	287.7	207.8	225.5	126.8	205.7	128.7	73.8	49.4	59.2	51.4	38.0	60.1	103.9	3,815.1
Oct	240.5	207.1	110.3	106.1	122.4	100.4	74.9	74.5	50.2	63.0	38.9	23.6	20.7	20.8	13.2	6.4	19.6	30.1	1,322.7
Nov	252.7	316.4	113.4	94.6	146.6	121.7	69.1	77.4	51.1	50.4	51.0	17.5	18.5	13.6	10.8	8.4	23.3	32.6	1,469.1
Dec	228.3	232.7	102.7	97.5	144.3	104.4	71.8	68.7	54.7	73.9	28.7	23.6	12.4	21.8	7.4	17.7	19.8	34.7	1,345.0
Q4	721.4	756.2	326.4	298.1	413.4	326.6	215.8	220.6	156.0	187.3	118.7	64.7	51.6	56.1	31.5	32.6	62.6	97.3	4,136.8
Total_2024	2,534.7	2,775.4	1,187.0	1,164.6	1,285.6	1,128.1	814.5	806.4	533.3	718.6	473.0	251.9	194.8	200.6	152.1	157.5	193.8	321.6	14,893.5
Jan_2025	221.0	187.3	101.3	93.6	83.1	77.7	64.3	58.2	48.6	64.0	19.9	13.8	15.5	11.3	12.5	11.0	10.2	13.8	1,107.2
Feb	254.0	241.9	94.8	94.3	94.0	88.2	64.8	54.3	51.1	47.5	45.8	21.8	17.8	17.3	13.5	12.5	10.5	22.4	1,246.3
% Contribution																			
Jan	20.0	16.9	9.2	8.5	7.5	7.0	5.8	5.3	4.4	5.8	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.2	100.0
Feb	20.4	19.4	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.1	5.2	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.7	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.8	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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