

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

June 2025



Botswana received imports worth P6, 721.1 million in June 2025. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to P1, 085.2 million, representing 16.1 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 15.5 percent and 15.1 percent respectively. Sugars & sugar confectionery (Chapter 17), Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk: pastry cooks products (Chapter 19) and Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Chapter 20) followed with a contributions of 10.3 percent, 9.8 percent and 8.2 percent in that order.

Cereals was the most prominent commodity imported. Among the cereals, Other Maize (corn), and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether, not polished or glazed were the most imported types of cereals at 62.4 percent and 22.1 percent respectively. Other wheat & muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed followed with a contribution of 14.4 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the second dominant commodity imported. The most imported commodities within the Chapter was Beer made from malt accounting for 41.8 percent, followed by Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, comprising 16.3 percent of the chapter total. 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 12.1 percent.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – May and June 2025 (Million Pula)

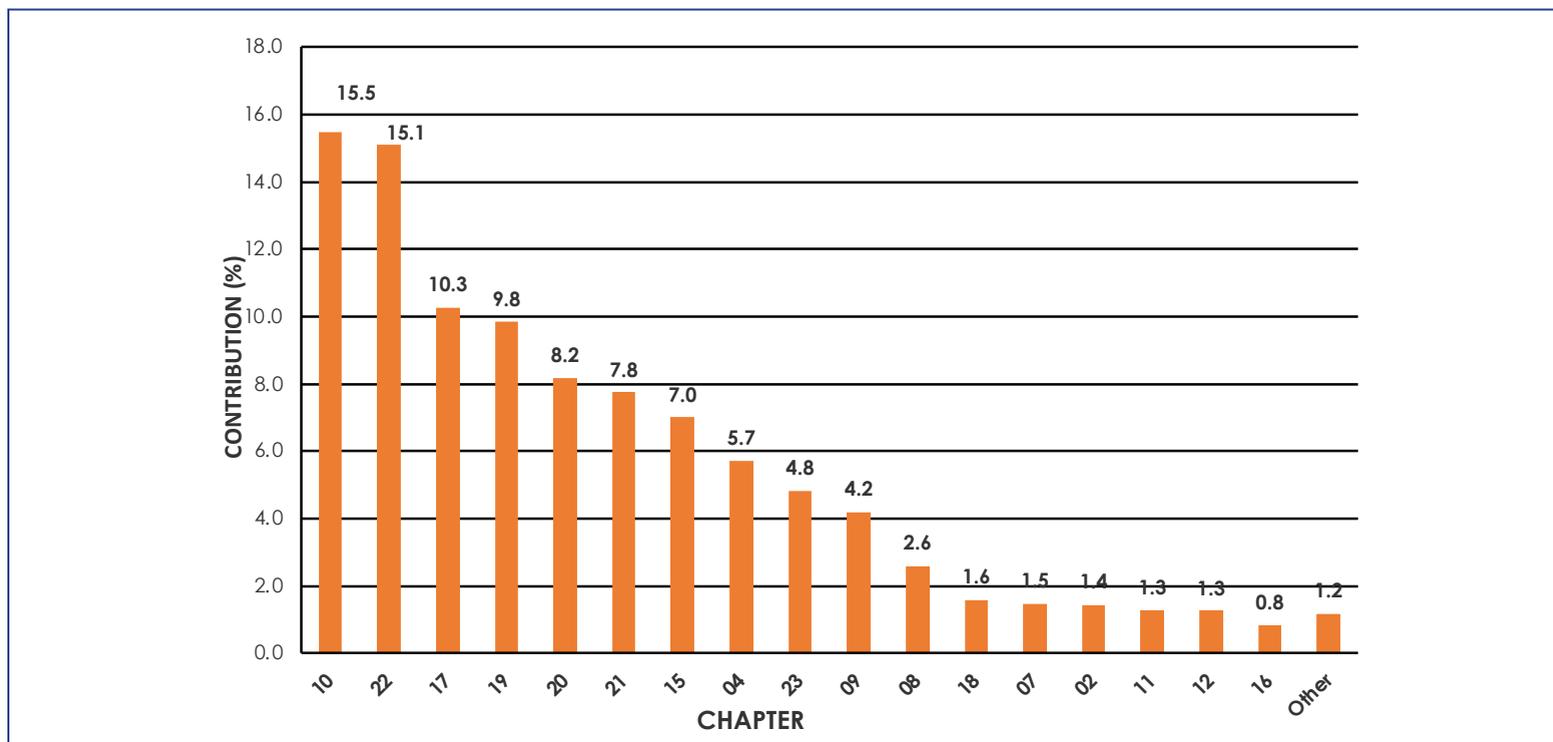
| HS | Description | June | % Contribution | May | % Change |
|----|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 10 | Cereals | 167.9 | 15.5 | 216.5 | (22.4) |
| 22 | Beverages, spirits and vinegar | 163.8 | 15.1 | 168.5 | (2.8) |
| 17 | Sugars and sugar confectionery | 111.5 | 10.3 | 99.5 | 12.1 |
| 19 | Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products | 106.8 | 9.8 | 112.3 | (4.9) |
| 20 | Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants | 88.8 | 8.2 | 110.5 | (19.6) |
| 21 | Miscellaneous edible preparations | 84.2 | 7.8 | 112.7 | (25.3) |
| 15 | Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes | 76.0 | 7.0 | 78.3 | (2.9) |
| 04 | Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included | 62.0 | 5.7 | 66.3 | (6.5) |
| 23 | Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder | 52.3 | 4.8 | 68.5 | (23.6) |
| 09 | Coffee, tea, mate and spices | 45.5 | 4.2 | 48.4 | (5.9) |
| 08 | Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons | 28.0 | 2.6 | 37.8 | (26.0) |
| 18 | Cocoa and cocoa preparations | 17.3 | 1.6 | 15.8 | 9.2 |
| 07 | Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible | 16.0 | 1.5 | 31.5 | (49.2) |
| 02 | Meat and edible meat offal | 15.6 | 1.4 | 16.8 | (7.1) |
| 11 | Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten | 13.9 | 1.3 | 14.7 | (5.5) |
| 12 | Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder | 13.8 | 1.3 | 30.1 | (54.1) |
| 16 | Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof | 9.0 | 0.8 | 23.5 | (61.6) |
| | Other | 12.8 | 1.2 | 10.0 | 28.2 |
| | Total Food & Beverages Imports | 1,085.2 | 16.1 | 1,261.6 | (14.0) |
| | Non-Food & Beverages Imports | 5,635.9 | 83.9 | 7,239.7 | (22.2) |
| | Total Imports | 6,721.1 | 100.0 | 8,501.3 | (20.9) |

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



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – June 2025



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

| a) Cereals | | | |
|------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| HS Code | Description | BW Pula (Million) | % Contribution |
| 100590 | Other Maize (corn) | 104.8 | 62.4 |
| 100630 | Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 37.2 | 22.1 |
| 100199 | Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed | 24.2 | 14.4 |
| 100640 | Broken rice | 1.3 | 0.8 |
| | Other | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| | Total | 167.9 | 100.0 |

| b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| HS Code | Description | BW Pula (Million) | % Contribution |
| 220300 | Beer made from malt: | 68.5 | 41.8 |
| 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 | 26.8 | 16.3 |
| 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) | 19.8 | 12.1 |
| 220421 | In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine: | 12.6 | 7.7 |
| 220210 | Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured: | 9.8 | 6.0 |
| 220850 | Gin and Geneva: | 5.6 | 3.4 |
| 220830 | Whiskies: | 4.6 | 2.8 |
| 220870 | Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other: | 4.0 | 2.4 |
| | Others | 12.2 | 7.4 |
| | Total | 163.8 | 100.0 |

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

| Period \ HS | 10 | 22 | 17 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 15 | 04 | 23 | 09 | 08 | 18 | 07 | 02 | 11 | 12 | 16 | 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 | 8.6 | 13.1 | 10.2 | 13.4 | 12.0 | 13.7 | 5.5 | 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 | 13.5 | 11.4 | 6.3 | 15.3 | 10.0 | 23.2 | 11.3 | 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 | 9.3 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 15.6 | 9.3 | 23.6 | 4.7 | 1,160.5 |
| Q1 | 732.8 | 599.8 | 256.3 | 243.8 | 290.6 | 249.8 | 146.1 | 186.7 | 169.0 | 95.7 | 136.4 | 31.4 | 38.5 | 29.6 | 44.3 | 31.3 | 60.6 | 21.5 | 3,364.1 |
| Apr | 183.6 | 224.9 | 83.6 | 111.1 | 110.9 | 75.7 | 56.8 | 59.3 | 63.2 | 34.8 | 44.1 | 9.1 | 16.4 | 14.9 | 14.5 | 11.2 | 15.1 | 10.1 | 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 | 12.2 | 16.4 | 22.7 | 19.2 | 14.4 | 17.5 | 9.9 | 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 | 16.5 | 15.6 | 18.1 | 15.9 | 14.2 | 20.2 | 7.8 | 1,116.7 |
| Q2 | 648.7 | 580.9 | 275.1 | 320.0 | 286.5 | 264.1 | 179.5 | 204.2 | 191.4 | 129.9 | 114.1 | 37.8 | 48.4 | 55.7 | 49.6 | 39.7 | 52.9 | 27.8 | 3,506.4 |
| Jul | 216.2 | 190.8 | 106.5 | 115.0 | 93.3 | 82.2 | 70.1 | 69.4 | 78.6 | 40.7 | 38.6 | 19.6 | 15.4 | 18.1 | 19.4 | 18.5 | 33.0 | 8.0 | 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 | 15.1 | 12.9 | 20.7 | 13.6 | 19.0 | 20.8 | 14.0 | 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 | 16.7 | 9.7 | 20.4 | 16.3 | 22.6 | 19.9 | 21.8 | 1,200.2 |
| Q3 | 637.7 | 632.4 | 329.2 | 302.7 | 295.2 | 287.7 | 205.7 | 207.8 | 225.5 | 128.7 | 126.8 | 51.4 | 38.0 | 59.2 | 49.4 | 60.1 | 73.8 | 43.8 | 3,755.0 |
| Oct | 207.1 | 240.5 | 110.3 | 106.1 | 122.4 | 100.4 | 63.0 | 74.9 | 74.5 | 38.9 | 50.2 | 13.2 | 6.4 | 20.8 | 20.7 | 19.6 | 23.6 | 10.5 | 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 | 10.8 | 8.4 | 13.6 | 18.5 | 23.3 | 17.5 | 9.3 | 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 | 7.4 | 17.7 | 21.8 | 12.4 | 19.8 | 23.6 | 14.9 | 1,325.2 |
| Q4 | 756.2 | 721.5 | 326.4 | 298.1 | 413.4 | 326.5 | 187.3 | 215.8 | 220.6 | 118.7 | 156.0 | 31.5 | 32.6 | 56.1 | 51.6 | 62.6 | 64.7 | 34.7 | 4,074.2 |
| Total 2024 | 2,775.4 | 2,534.6 | 1,187.0 | 1,164.6 | 1,285.7 | 1,128.0 | 718.6 | 814.5 | 806.4 | 473.0 | 533.3 | 152.1 | 157.5 | 200.6 | 194.8 | 193.8 | 251.9 | 127.7 | 14,699.7 |
| Jan_2025 | 187.3 | 221.6 | 101.3 | 93.6 | 83.1 | 77.7 | 64.0 | 64.3 | 58.2 | 19.9 | 48.6 | 12.5 | 11.0 | 11.3 | 15.5 | 10.2 | 13.8 | 3.6 | 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 | 13.5 | 12.5 | 17.3 | 18.0 | 10.7 | 22.7 | 11.9 | 1,242.6 |
| Mar | 262.8 | 160.0 | 107.7 | 104.0 | 95.6 | 90.0 | 49.3 | 74.3 | 57.9 | 37.7 | 49.0 | 15.4 | 19.7 | 14.3 | 31.2 | 7.6 | 29.5 | 8.3 | 1,214.3 |
| Q1 | 693.4 | 638.1 | 303.9 | 292.4 | 273.4 | 255.9 | 160.8 | 203.4 | 170.4 | 103.5 | 148.6 | 41.4 | 43.2 | 43.0 | 64.8 | 28.5 | 65.9 | 23.8 | 3,554.5 |
| Apr | 200.7 | 129.4 | 88.1 | 97.4 | 94.9 | 76.8 | 54.7 | 56.9 | 45.7 | 25.5 | 38.3 | 12.6 | 36.3 | 21.7 | 16.2 | 27.1 | 22.1 | 9.5 | 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 | 15.8 | 31.5 | 16.8 | 14.7 | 30.1 | 23.5 | 10.0 | 1,261.6 |
| Jun | 167.9 | 163.8 | 111.5 | 106.8 | 88.8 | 84.2 | 76.0 | 62.0 | 52.3 | 45.5 | 28.0 | 17.3 | 16.0 | 15.6 | 13.9 | 13.8 | 9.0 | 12.8 | 1,085.2 |
| Q2 | 585.2 | 461.8 | 299.1 | 316.5 | 294.1 | 273.7 | 209.0 | 185.2 | 166.6 | 119.3 | 104.2 | 45.7 | 83.7 | 54.1 | 44.9 | 71.0 | 54.6 | 32.2 | 3,400.7 |
| % Contribution | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 17.2 | 13.4 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 |
| Jun | 15.5 | 15.1 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 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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