

# BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

## November 2024

In November 2024, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P9, 110.4 million**. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P 1, 441.6 million, representing 15.8 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) accounted for 21.9 percent and 17.5 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 10.1 percent.

Cereals was the most imported commodity. The most imported types of cereals was Other Maize (corn), accounting for 32.3 percent followed by Other grain sorghum with a contribution of 24.7 percent. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed and other wheat and muslin, not durum wheat other than seed followed with a contribution of 18.9 percent and 18.3 percent respectively.

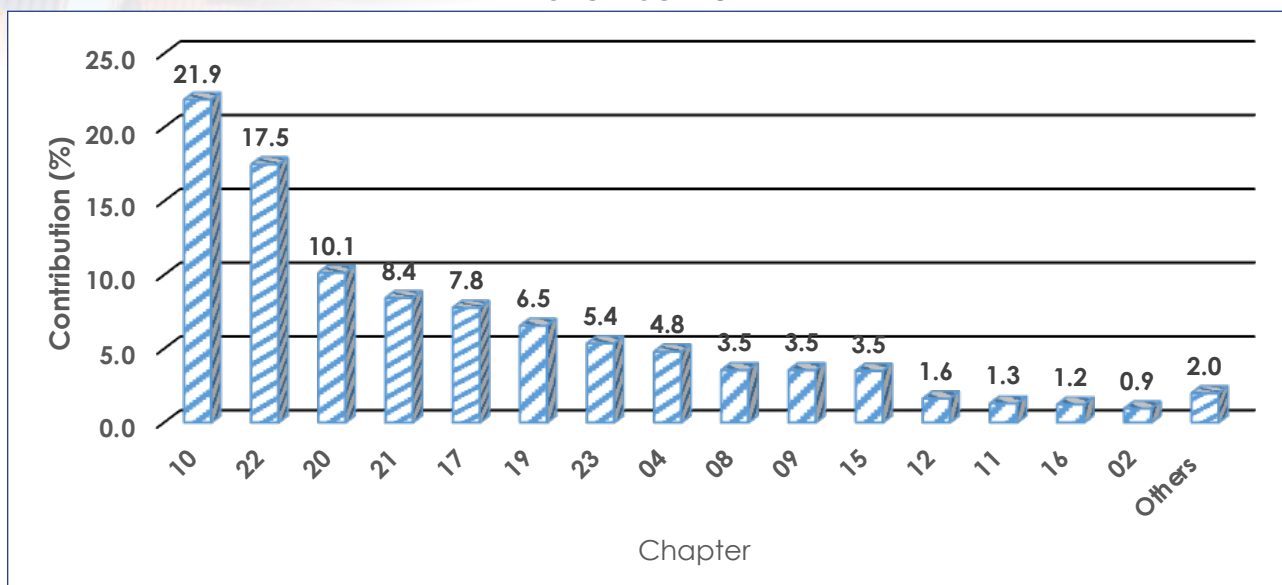
The Beverages, spirits & vinegar were the second dominant commodity imported. Beer made from malt and Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages, mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages made contributions of 34.6 percent and 21.6 percent to chapter 22 respectively.

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

HS	HS DESCRIPTION	November	% Contribution	October	% Change
10	Cereals	315.3	21.9	207.1	52.3
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	252.0	17.5	240.5	4.8
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	146.2	10.1	122.4	19.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	121.6	8.4	100.4	21.1
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	111.9	7.8	110.3	1.5
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	94.4	6.5	106.1	(11.0)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	77.3	5.4	74.5	3.7
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	69.1	4.8	74.9	(7.6)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	51.1	3.5	50.2	1.8
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	51.0	3.5	38.9	31.0
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	50.4	3.5	63.0	(20.0)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	23.3	1.6	19.6	18.9
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	18.5	1.3	20.7	(10.8)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	17.5	1.2	23.6	(25.8)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	13.6	0.9	20.8	(34.7)
	Others	28.5	2.0	30.1	(5.5)
	<b>Total Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>1,441.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>1,303.1</b>	<b>15.4</b>
	<b>Non-Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>7,668.8</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>7,166.8</b>	<b>84.6</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>9,110.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,469.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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



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

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

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	101.7	32.3
100790	Other grain Sorghum	78.0	24.7
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	59.6	18.9
100199	Other wheat and muslin, not Durum wheat other than seed	57.6	18.3
100510	Maize Seed	11.1	3.5
	Other	7.3	2.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>315.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	87.3	34.6
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	54.5	21.6
220299	Other waters, including mineral waters \$ aerated , cointaing added sugar or flavoured & non -alcoholic beverages(excluding fruit,nut or vegeable juices)	37.4	14.9
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	19.1	7.6
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	13.4	5.3
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	10.5	4.2
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	5.9	2.3
	Other	24.0	9.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>252.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

PERIOD/HS CODE	10	22	20	21	17	19	23	04	08	09	15	12	11	16	02	Other	Total
Jan_2023	187.5	167.3	78.1	53.0	64.2	65.8	47.5	49.8	41.5	17.3	31.7	14.8	12.5	32.8	9.8	21.8	895.3
Feb	176.7	381.9	72.4	73.3	158.9	79.4	47.4	51.9	39.3	31.0	40.8	8.9	12.1	23.5	10.2	33.2	1,241.0
Mar	174.6	382.1	89.5	71.5	71.9	85.7	64.1	53.3	44.2	34.9	48.4	8.9	12.7	17.9	7.7	40.2	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>159.0</b>	<b>155.0</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>120.9</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>3,343.8</b>
Apr	138.7	374.9	61.9	66.6	60.1	80.5	45.4	56.4	33.3	33.7	47.4	6.7	13.9	16.2	10.0	37.9	1,083.7
May	180.9	160.5	82.6	72.0	88.6	92.0	53.8	55.0	28.5	30.0	67.9	6.8	10.6	15.9	10.9	41.0	997.0
Jun	237.8	185.5	71.6	79.5	110.0	93.6	66.8	58.0	33.3	43.9	64.6	10.5	12.5	16.5	12.4	35.5	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>166.1</b>	<b>169.4</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>179.9</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>114.4</b>	<b>3,212.8</b>
Jul	195.8	198.1	90.9	71.4	88.7	95.3	51.4	61.8	32.8	43.7	61.9	8.6	11.6	19.4	7.6	25.8	1,064.9
Aug	165.5	336.6	88.0	74.7	110.2	89.0	64.7	64.5	35.5	40.0	72.5	13.0	14.8	24.0	9.6	38.2	1,240.8
Sep	161.2	463.8	84.0	100.3	60.4	84.7	59.7	64.8	37.6	41.9	70.2	15.6	14.5	12.0	15.0	38.7	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>175.8</b>	<b>191.2</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>204.6</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>3,630.1</b>
Oct	188.3	485.3	111.7	87.8	107.9	89.5	66.9	66.6	40.5	34.5	70.6	25.0	13.9	21.4	11.6	36.5	1,458.1
Nov	162.0	456.9	129.1	101.3	96.4	92.1	71.5	64.7	41.5	33.6	74.8	14.6	13.9	25.1	7.7	29.0	1,414.2
Dec	147.9	231.9	90.8	81.4	79.6	77.6	59.3	54.8	40.2	21.5	58.8	11.5	15.1	17.5	7.5	25.2	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>197.7</b>	<b>186.1</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>90.7</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>1,025.3</b>	<b>698.5</b>	<b>701.6</b>	<b>448.3</b>	<b>406.0</b>	<b>709.5</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>158.0</b>	<b>242.2</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>402.9</b>	<b>14,079.5</b>
Jan_2024	233.4	188.6	101.7	95.2	92.6	77.7	59.6	62.7	46.4	34.5	32.7	12.0	13.4	13.7	10.2	27.2	1,101.6
Feb	237.5	188.4	92.9	75.3	77.8	91.6	55.3	57.8	42.3	31.2	60.8	10.0	15.3	23.2	6.3	36.2	1,102.0
Mar	262.0	222.8	96.0	79.4	85.9	74.4	54.1	66.2	47.7	30.0	52.6	9.3	15.6	23.6	13.0	28.0	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>169.0</b>	<b>186.7</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>3,364.1</b>
Apr	183.6	224.9	110.9	75.7	83.6	111.1	63.2	59.3	44.1	34.8	56.8	11.2	14.5	15.1	14.9	35.6	1,139.4
May	281.0	158.3	91.0	92.0	108.4	101.2	70.0	66.4	36.1	43.8	58.9	14.4	19.2	17.5	22.7	38.5	1,219.5
Jun	184.1	166.9	84.6	96.4	83.1	107.7	58.1	78.5	33.9	51.3	63.9	14.2	15.9	20.2	18.1	39.9	1,116.7
<b>Q2</b>	<b>648.7</b>	<b>550.0</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>264.1</b>	<b>275.1</b>	<b>320.0</b>	<b>191.4</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>179.5</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>114.0</b>	<b>3,475.5</b>
Jul	216.2	190.8	93.3	82.2	106.5	115.0	78.6	69.4	38.6	40.7	70.1	18.5	19.4	33.0	18.1	43.0	1,233.3
Aug	258.2	219.2	100.7	94.3	123.4	101.4	76.8	71.8	41.0	50.8	67.4	19.0	13.6	20.8	20.7	42.0	1,321.4
Sep	163.2	222.4	101.0	111.2	99.3	86.3	70.1	66.6	47.2	37.2	68.2	22.6	16.3	19.9	20.4	48.2	1,200.2
<b>Q3</b>	<b>637.7</b>	<b>632.4</b>	<b>295.1</b>	<b>287.7</b>	<b>329.2</b>	<b>302.7</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>207.8</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>205.7</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>3,754.9</b>
Oct	207.1	240.5	122.4	100.4	110.3	106.1	74.5	74.9	50.2	38.9	63.0	19.6	20.7	23.6	20.8	30.2	1,303.1
Nov	315.3	252.0	146.2	121.6	111.9	94.4	77.3	69.1	51.1	51.0	50.4	23.3	18.5	17.5	13.6	28.5	1,441.6
<b>% Contribution</b>																	
Oct	15.9	18.5	9.4	7.7	8.5	8.1	5.7	5.7	3.9	3.0	4.8	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.6	2.3	100.0
Nov	21.9	17.5	10.1	8.4	7.8	6.5	5.4	4.8	3.5	3.5	3.5	1.6	1.3	1.2	0.9	2.0	100.0

Note: 'Other' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 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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