

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

April 2024

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 7,849.4 million** during the month of April 2024. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P 1,122.7 million, representing 14.3 percent of total imports. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) and Cereals (Chapter 10) accounted for 19.8 percent and 16.3 percent of food & beverages imports respectively. Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Chapter 20) followed with a contribution of 9.9 percent.

Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored and Beer made from malt made contributions of 29.9 percent and 28.6 percent respectively, to chapter 22.

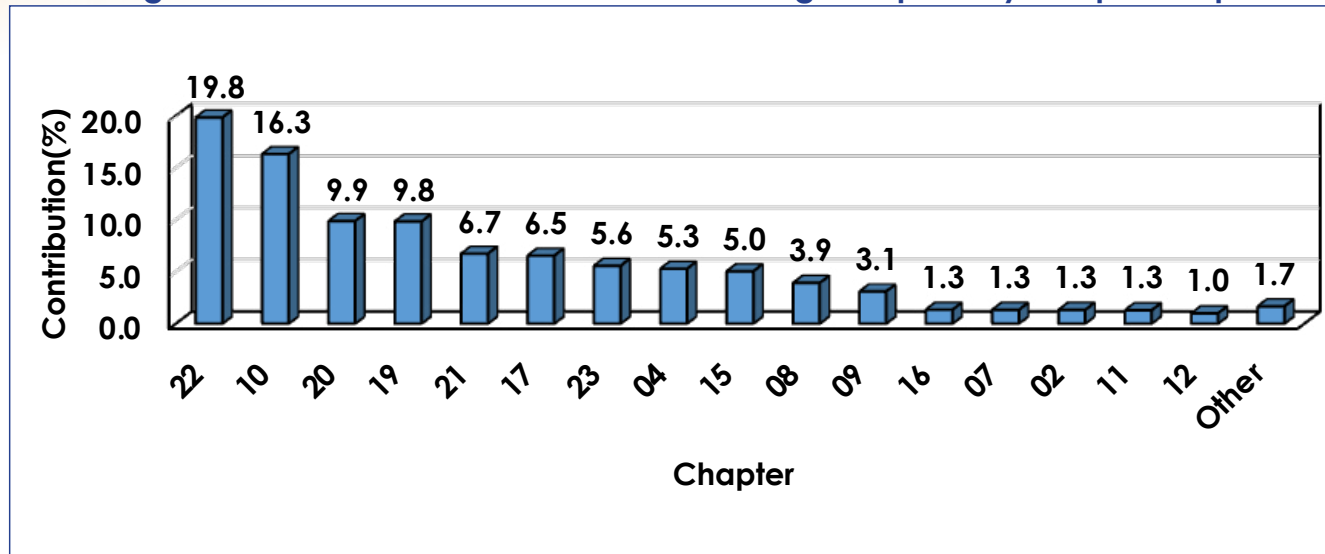
Among Cereals imports, the most prominent commodity was Other Maize (corn) at 56.2 percent followed by Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed with a contribution of 22.8 percent.

**Table1: Botswana Food & Beverages (excluding live animals) imports –April 2024 and March 2024
(Million' Pula)**

HS	Description	April	% Contribution	March	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	222.8	19.8	168.0	32.6
10	Cereals	183.2	16.3	262.0	(30.1)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	110.8	9.9	96.0	15.4
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	110.4	9.8	74.4	48.3
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	75.6	6.7	79.4	(4.7)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	73.4	6.5	85.9	(14.5)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	62.6	5.6	54.1	15.7
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	59.3	5.3	66.2	(10.4)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	56.7	5.0	52.6	7.8
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	44.0	3.9	47.5	(7.5)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	34.7	3.1	30.0	15.8
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	15.1	1.3	23.6	(36.0)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	14.9	1.3	14.0	6.6
02	Meat and edible meat offal	14.9	1.3	13.0	14.1
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	14.5	1.3	15.6	(7.2)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	11.1	1.0	9.3	19.4
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	9.0	0.8	9.3	(3.7)
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	7.1	0.6	1.4	404.2
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2.0	0.2	2.4	(13.9)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	0.5	0.0	0.9	(48.3)
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.1	0.0	0.0	193.5
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,122.7	14.3	1,105.6	1.5
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	6,726.7		6,037.7	11.4
	Total Imports	7,849.4		7,143.3	9.9



Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food & Beverages imports by Chapter – April 2024



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

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

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	66.7	29.9
220300	Beer made from malt	63.7	28.6
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages	37.3	16.7
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)	27.8	12.5
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	8.2	3.7
220830	Whiskies	3.4	1.5
220429	Other;; Unfortified wine;; Fortified wine	2.9	1.3
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	2.4	1.1
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	2.2	1.0
	Other	8.2	3.7
	Total	222.8	100.0

b) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	103.0	56.2
100199	Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed	41.8	22.8
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	20.4	11.1
100790	Other grain sorghum	16.0	8.7
	Other	2.0	1.1
	Total	183.2	100.0

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

Period \ HS	22	10	20	19	21	17	23	04	15	08	09	16	07	02	11	12	Other	Total
January_2023	167.3	187.5	78.1	65.8	53.0	64.2	47.5	49.8	31.7	41.5	17.3	32.8	11.7	9.8	12.5	14.8	10.1	895.3
February	381.9	176.7	72.4	79.4	73.3	158.9	47.4	51.9	40.8	39.3	31.0	23.5	13.8	10.2	12.1	8.9	19.4	1,241.0
March	382.1	174.6	89.5	85.7	71.5	71.9	64.1	53.3	48.4	44.2	34.9	17.9	19.6	7.7	12.7	8.9	20.6	1,207.4
Q1	931.4	538.8	240.0	230.9	197.8	295.0	159.0	155.0	120.9	125.1	83.2	74.2	45.2	27.7	37.2	32.6	50.0	3,343.8
April	374.9	138.7	61.9	80.5	66.6	60.1	45.4	56.4	47.4	33.3	33.7	16.2	17.0	10.0	13.9	6.7	20.9	1,083.7
May	160.5	180.9	82.6	92.0	72.0	88.6	53.8	55.0	67.9	28.5	30.0	15.9	21.5	10.9	10.6	6.8	19.5	997.0
June	185.5	237.8	71.6	93.6	79.5	110.0	66.8	58.0	64.6	33.3	43.9	16.5	19.5	12.4	12.5	10.5	16.0	1,132.1
Q2	720.9	557.3	216.2	266.1	218.1	258.7	166.1	169.4	179.9	95.1	107.6	48.7	58.0	33.3	37.1	24.0	56.4	3,212.8
July	198.1	195.8	90.9	95.3	71.4	88.7	51.4	61.8	61.9	32.8	43.7	19.4	12.0	7.6	11.6	8.6	13.9	1,064.9
August	336.6	165.5	88.0	89.0	74.7	110.2	64.7	64.5	72.5	35.5	40.0	24.0	13.2	9.6	14.8	13.0	25.0	1,240.8
September	445.0	161.2	84.0	84.7	100.3	60.4	59.7	64.8	70.2	37.6	41.9	12.0	14.2	15.0	14.5	15.6	24.5	1,305.6
Q3	979.7	522.5	263.0	269.1	246.4	259.3	175.8	191.2	204.6	105.9	125.6	55.3	39.3	32.3	40.9	37.2	63.3	3,611.2
October	485.3	188.3	111.7	89.5	87.8	107.9	66.9	66.6	70.6	40.5	34.5	21.4	12.6	11.6	13.9	25.0	23.9	1,458.0
November	456.8	162.0	129.1	92.1	101.3	96.4	71.5	64.7	74.8	41.5	33.6	25.1	11.1	7.7	13.9	14.6	17.9	1,414.1
December	231.9	147.9	90.5	77.6	81.4	79.6	59.3	54.8	58.8	40.2	21.5	17.5	9.8	7.5	15.1	11.5	15.4	1,020.3
Q4	1,174.0	498.3	331.4	259.2	270.5	283.9	197.7	186.1	204.2	122.2	89.7	64.0	33.5	26.9	42.9	51.0	57.2	3,892.5
Total_2023	3,806.0	2,116.9	1,050.5	1,025.3	932.8	1,096.9	698.5	701.6	709.5	448.2	406.0	242.2	176.0	120.1	158.0	144.8	227.0	14,060.3
January_2024	188.6	233.4	101.7	77.7	95.2	92.6	59.6	62.7	32.7	46.4	34.5	13.7	13.1	10.2	13.4	12.0	14.1	1,101.6
February	188.4	237.5	92.9	91.6	75.3	77.8	55.3	57.8	60.8	42.3	31.2	23.2	11.4	6.3	15.3	10.0	24.8	1,102.0
March	168.0	262.0	96.0	74.4	79.4	85.9	54.1	66.2	52.6	47.5	30.0	23.6	14.0	13.0	15.6	9.3	14.0	1,105.6
Q1	545.0	732.8	290.6	243.8	249.8	256.3	169.0	186.7	146.1	136.2	95.7	60.6	38.5	29.6	44.3	31.3	52.9	3,309.2
April	222.8	183.2	110.8	110.4	75.6	73.4	62.6	59.3	56.7	44.0	34.7	15.1	14.9	14.9	14.5	11.1	18.7	1,122.7
Contribution%																		
Mar_2024	15.2	23.7	8.7	6.7	7.2	7.8	4.9	6.0	4.8	4.3	2.7	2.1	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.3	100.0
Apr_2024	19.8	16.3	9.9	9.8	6.7	6.5	5.6	5.3	5.0	3.9	3.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.7	100.0

Annex 1: Chapters and Descriptions

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