



BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

January 2024

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P7,700.3 million** during the month of January 2024. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P1,100.7 million, representing 14.3 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) accounted for 21.1 percent and 17.1 percent of food imports respectively. Preparations of Vegetables, Fruit, Nuts or other parts of plants (Chapter 21) followed with a contribution of 9.2 percent.

Among Cereals imports, the most prominent commodity was Other maize (corn) accounting for 43.6 percent followed by Wheat and Muslin, not durum wheat other than seed with a contribution of 23.4 percent.

Beer made from malt and Fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages with non-alcoholic beverages made contributions of 32.2 percent and 25.6 percent respectively, to chapter 22.

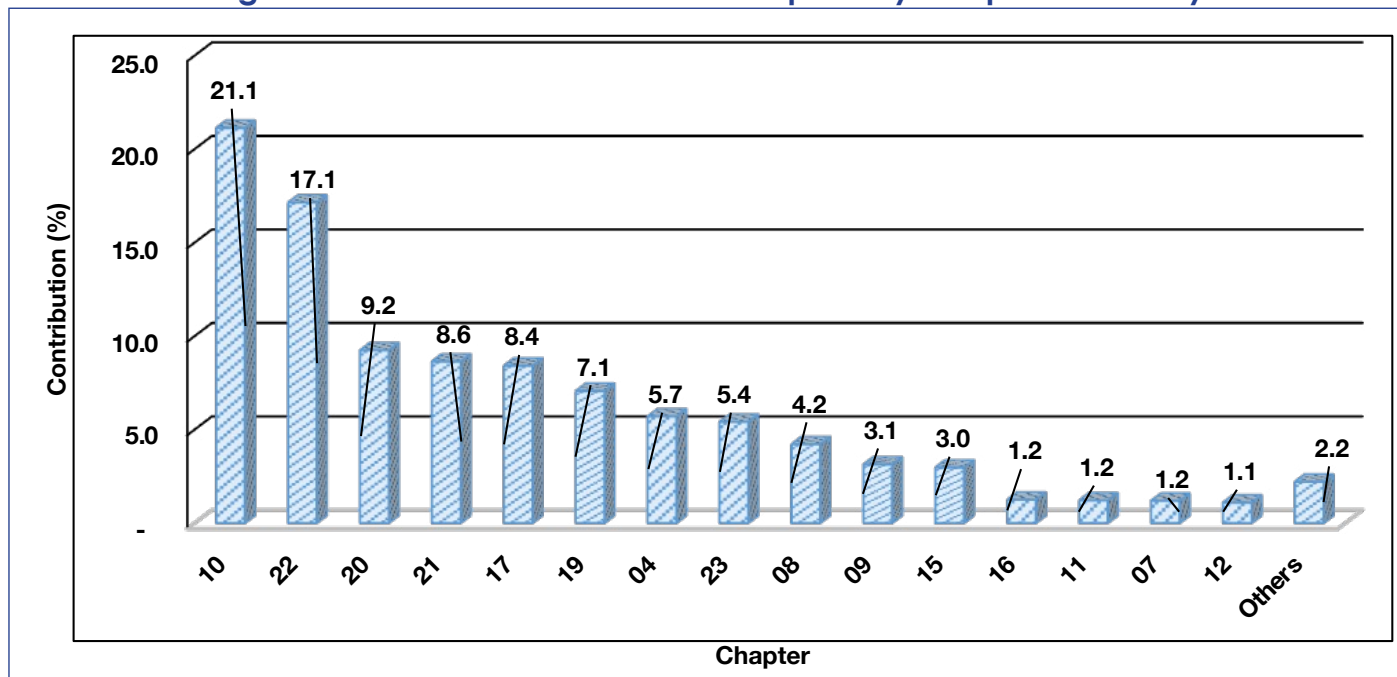
Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals and alcoholic beverages) imports – January 2024 and December 2023 (Million Pula)

HS	Description	January	% Contribution	December	% Change
10	Cereals	232.6	21.1	147.9	57.2
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	188.6	17.1	231.9	(18.6)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	101.7	9.2	90.5	12.3
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	95.1	8.6	81.4	16.8
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	92.6	8.4	79.6	16.3
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	77.7	7.1	77.6	0.1
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	62.7	5.7	54.8	14.4
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	59.6	5.4	59.3	0.5
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	46.4	4.2	40.2	15.3
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	34.5	3.1	21.5	60.4
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	32.7	3.0	58.8	(44.4)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	13.7	1.2	17.5	(21.4)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	13.4	1.2	15.1	(11.8)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	13.1	1.2	9.8	33.8
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	12.0	1.1	11.5	5.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal	10.2	0.9	7.5	36.8
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	8.6	0.8	7.4	16.9
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	2.7	0.2	3.4	(20.5)
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2.0	0.2	2.5	(21.2)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	0.8	0.1	2.2	(63.0)
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.0	0.0	146.6
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.0	0.0	(3.4)
	Total Food Imports	1,100.7	100.0	1,020.3	7.9
	Non Food Imports	6,599.6		5,663.5	16.5
	Total Imports	7,700.3		6,683.8	15.2



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – January 2024



Note: 'Other' combine Chapters 02, 03, 05, 06, 13, 14 & 18

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports – January 2024

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	101.42	43.6
100199	Wheat and Meslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed	54.52	23.4
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	30.74	13.2
100790	Other grain sorghum	27.29	11.7
100640	Broken rice	10.02	4.3
100510	Maize Seed	7.98	3.4
	Other	0.60	0.3
	Total	232.57	100.0

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	60.78	32.2
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages	48.31	25.6
220299	Other non-alcoholic beverages(including milk-based drinks)	28.90	15.3
220210	Mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	13.63	7.2
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	8.12	4.3
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	6.81	3.6
220422	Wine, In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	4.01	2.1
220890	Other spirits In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	3.71	2.0
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	3.12	1.7
220850	Gin and Geneva	2.88	1.5
220830	Whiskies	2.75	1.5
220429	Other: Unfortified / Fortified wine	2.11	1.1
	Others	3.50	1.9
	Total	188.64	100.0

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

Period \ HS	10	22	20	21	17	19	04	23	08	09	15	16	11	07	12	Others	Total Food Imports
January_2023	187.5	167.3	78.1	53.0	64.2	65.8	49.8	47.5	41.5	17.3	31.7	32.8	12.5	11.7	14.8	19.9	895.3
February	176.7	381.9	72.4	73.3	158.9	79.4	51.9	47.4	39.3	31.0	40.8	23.5	12.1	13.8	8.9	29.5	1,241.0
March	174.6	382.1	89.5	71.5	71.9	85.7	53.3	64.1	44.2	34.9	48.4	17.9	12.7	19.6	8.9	28.2	1,207.4
April	138.7	374.9	61.9	66.6	60.1	80.5	56.3	45.4	33.3	33.7	47.4	16.2	13.9	17.0	6.7	30.9	1,083.7
May	180.9	160.5	82.6	72.0	88.6	92.0	55.0	53.8	28.5	30.0	67.9	15.9	10.6	21.5	6.8	30.4	997.0
June	237.8	185.5	71.6	79.5	110.0	93.6	58.0	66.8	33.3	43.9	64.6	16.5	12.5	19.5	10.5	28.4	1,132.1
July	195.8	198.1	90.9	71.4	88.7	95.3	61.8	51.4	32.8	43.7	61.9	19.4	11.6	12.0	8.6	21.5	1,064.9
August	165.5	336.6	88.0	74.7	110.2	89.0	64.5	64.7	35.5	40.0	72.5	24.0	14.8	13.2	13.0	34.6	1,240.8
September	161.2	445.0	84.0	100.3	60.4	84.7	64.8	59.7	37.6	41.9	70.2	12.0	14.5	14.2	15.6	39.5	1,305.6
October	188.3	485.3	111.7	87.8	107.9	89.5	66.6	66.9	40.5	34.5	70.6	21.4	13.9	12.6	25.0	35.5	1,458.0
November	161.9	456.8	129.1	101.3	96.4	92.1	64.7	71.5	41.5	33.6	74.8	25.1	13.9	11.1	14.6	25.6	1,414.0
December	147.9	231.9	90.5	81.4	79.6	77.6	54.8	59.3	40.2	21.5	58.8	17.5	15.1	9.8	11.5	22.9	1,020.3
Total_2023	2,116.8	3,805.9	1,050.3	932.8	1,096.9	1,025.2	701.5	698.5	448.2	406.0	709.6	242.2	158.1	176.0	144.9	346.9	14,060.1
January_2024	232.6	188.6	101.7	95.1	92.6	77.7	62.7	59.6	46.4	34.5	32.7	13.7	13.4	13.1	12.0	24.3	1,100.7
% Contribution (Jan_24)	21.1	17.1	9.2	8.6	8.4	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.2	3.1	3.0	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	2.2	100.0



Annex 1: Chapters and Descriptions

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