

# Botswana Food & Beverage Imports

## December 2025

Botswana received imports worth **P6, 396.1 million** in December 2025. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to **P1, 070.4 million**, representing 16.7 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 17.7 percent and 17.6 percent, respectively. Miscellaneous edible preparations (Chapter 21) constituted 8.6 percent.

In December 2025, Cereals was the leading commodity group imported. The major imports of food products among cereals are, Other Maize (corn) (HS100590) and Other wheat other than durum wheat (HS100199) accounting for 40.8 percent and 30.5 percent, respectively. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (HS100630) followed with a contribution of 17.2 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the second dominant commodity group imported. The top three imported products among the Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar are Beer made from malt (HS220300), Other fermented beverages, (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverage (HS220600) and Other waters (HS220299) with contributions of 35.9 percent, 24.3 percent and 10.9 percent, respectively.

**Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – November and December 2025 (Million Pula)**

HS Code	Description	December	% Contribution	November	Change	% Change
10	Cereals	189.1	17.7	205.8	(16.7)	(8.1)
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	188.0	17.6	247.5	(59.6)	(24.1)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	92.3	8.6	120.2	(27.9)	(23.2)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	83.1	7.8	97.3	(14.2)	(14.6)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	81.6	7.6	128.7	(47.1)	(36.6)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	76.8	7.2	103.1	(26.3)	(25.5)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	64.8	6.1	90.1	(25.3)	(28.1)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	60.8	5.7	61.1	(0.3)	(0.4)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	59.4	5.6	74.1	(14.7)	(19.8)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	45.2	4.2	44.6	0.6	1.4
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	33.9	3.2	41.2	(7.3)	(17.7)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	22.6	2.1	14.4	8.3	57.7
02	Meat and edible meat offal	17.7	1.6	21.8	(4.1)	(19.0)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	16.2	1.5	17.5	(1.3)	(7.4)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	12.7	1.2	7.8	5.0	64.3
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	11.5	1.1	18.0	(6.5)	(36.1)
	<b>Other</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>(6.7)</b>	<b>(31.4)</b>
	<b>Total Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>1,070.4</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>1,314.4</b>	<b>(244.0)</b>	<b>(18.6)</b>
	<b>Non-Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>5,325.7</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>6,213.3</b>	<b>(887.6)</b>	<b>(14.3)</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>6,396.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,527.8</b>	<b>(1,131.7)</b>	<b>(15.0)</b>

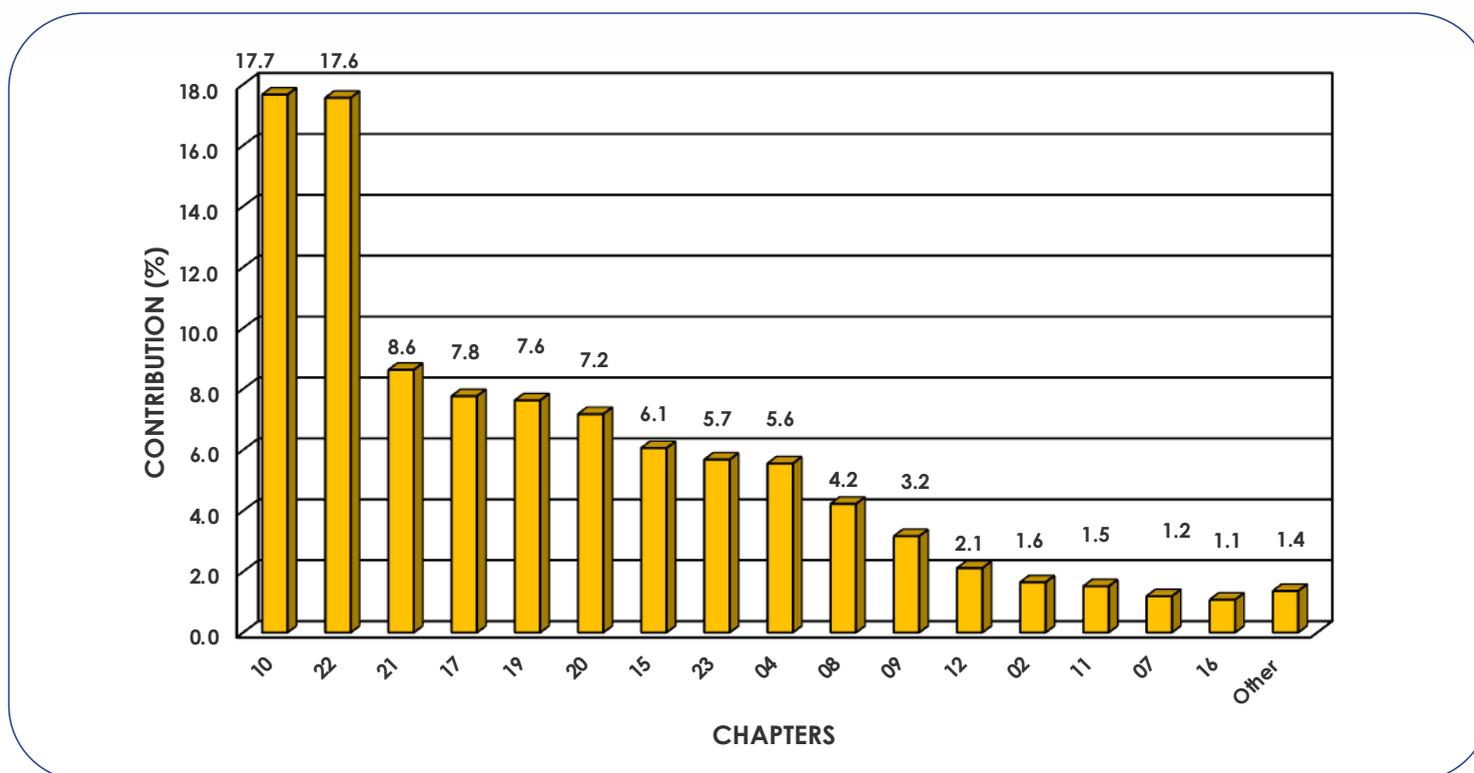
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – December 2025



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

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other maize (corn)	77.1	40.8
100199	Other wheat, other than durum wheat	57.7	30.5
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	32.6	17.2
100510	Seed maize (corn)	14.0	7.4
100710	Seed grain sorghum	2.6	1.4
	<b>Other</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>189.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt:	67.4	35.9
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	45.6	24.3
220299	Other waters	20.4	10.9
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	18.3	9.7
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	10.2	5.4
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	7.1	3.8
220830	Whiskies:	4.1	2.2
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	3.0	1.6
220429	Other;; Unfortified wine;; Fortified wine:	2.8	1.5
220850	Gin and Geneva:	2.2	1.2
	<b>Other</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>188.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Period \ HS	10	22	21	17	19	20	15	23	4	8	9	12	2	11	7	16	Other	Total
Jan_2024	233.4	188.6	95.2	92.6	77.7	101.7	32.7	59.6	62.7	46.4	34.5	12.0	10.2	13.4	13.1	13.7	14.1	1,101.6
Feb	237.5	188.4	75.3	77.8	91.6	92.9	60.8	55.3	57.8	42.3	31.3	10.0	6.3	15.3	11.4	23.2	24.8	1,102.1
Mar	262.0	222.8	79.4	85.9	74.4	96.0	52.6	54.1	66.2	47.7	30.0	9.3	13.0	15.6	14.0	23.6	14.0	1,160.5
<b>Q1</b>	<b>732.8</b>	<b>599.8</b>	<b>249.8</b>	<b>256.3</b>	<b>243.8</b>	<b>290.6</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>186.7</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>3,364.2</b>
Apr	183.6	224.9	75.7	83.6	111.1	110.9	56.8	63.2	59.3	44.1	34.8	11.2	14.9	14.5	16.4	15.1	19.2	1,139.4
May	281.0	189.1	92.0	108.4	101.2	91.0	58.9	70.0	66.4	36.1	43.8	14.4	22.7	19.2	16.4	17.5	22.1	1,250.3
Jun	184.1	166.9	96.4	83.1	107.7	84.6	63.9	58.1	78.5	33.9	51.3	14.2	18.1	15.9	15.6	20.2	24.3	1,116.7
<b>Q2</b>	<b>648.7</b>	<b>580.9</b>	<b>264.1</b>	<b>275.1</b>	<b>320.0</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>179.5</b>	<b>191.4</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>3,506.4</b>
Jul	216.2	190.8	82.2	106.5	115.0	93.3	70.1	78.6	69.4	38.6	40.7	18.5	18.1	19.4	15.4	33.0	27.5	1,233.3
Aug	258.2	219.3	94.3	123.4	101.4	100.8	67.4	76.8	71.8	41.0	50.8	19.0	20.7	13.6	12.9	20.8	29.1	1,321.5
Sep	163.2	222.4	111.2	99.3	86.3	101.0	68.2	70.1	66.6	47.2	37.2	22.6	20.4	16.3	9.7	19.9	38.5	1,200.2
<b>Q3</b>	<b>637.7</b>	<b>632.4</b>	<b>287.7</b>	<b>329.2</b>	<b>302.7</b>	<b>295.2</b>	<b>205.7</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>207.8</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>3,755.0</b>
Oct	207.1	240.5	100.4	110.3	106.1	122.5	63.0	74.5	74.9	50.2	38.9	19.6	20.8	20.7	6.4	23.6	23.7	1,303.1
Nov	316.4	252.7	121.7	113.4	94.6	146.6	50.4	77.4	69.1	51.1	51.0	23.3	13.6	18.5	8.4	17.5	20.1	1,445.8
Dec	232.7	228.3	104.4	102.7	97.5	144.3	73.9	68.7	71.8	54.7	28.7	19.8	21.8	12.4	17.7	23.6	22.3	1,325.2
<b>Q4</b>	<b>756.2</b>	<b>721.4</b>	<b>326.5</b>	<b>326.4</b>	<b>298.1</b>	<b>413.4</b>	<b>187.3</b>	<b>220.6</b>	<b>215.8</b>	<b>156.0</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>4,074.2</b>
<b>Total_2024</b>	<b>2,775.4</b>	<b>2,534.6</b>	<b>1,128.0</b>	<b>1,187.0</b>	<b>1,164.6</b>	<b>1,285.7</b>	<b>718.6</b>	<b>806.4</b>	<b>814.5</b>	<b>533.3</b>	<b>473.0</b>	<b>193.8</b>	<b>200.6</b>	<b>194.8</b>	<b>157.5</b>	<b>251.9</b>	<b>279.8</b>	<b>14,699.8</b>
Jan_2025	187.3	221.6	77.7	101.3	93.6	83.2	64.1	58.2	64.3	48.6	19.9	10.2	11.3	15.5	11.0	13.8	16.2	1,097.7
Feb	243.3	256.5	88.3	94.8	94.9	94.7	47.5	54.3	64.8	51.1	45.9	10.7	17.3	18.0	12.5	22.7	25.4	1,242.6
Mar	262.8	160.0	90.1	107.7	104.0	95.6	49.3	57.9	74.3	49.0	37.8	7.6	14.3	31.2	19.7	29.5	23.7	1,214.5
<b>Q1</b>	<b>693.4</b>	<b>638.1</b>	<b>256.0</b>	<b>303.9</b>	<b>292.5</b>	<b>273.4</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>170.4</b>	<b>203.4</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>3,554.8</b>
Apr	200.7	129.4	76.8	88.1	97.4	94.9	54.7	45.7	56.9	38.3	25.5	27.1	21.7	16.2	36.3	22.1	22.1	1,054.0
May	216.5	168.5	112.7	99.5	112.3	110.5	78.3	68.5	66.3	37.8	48.4	30.1	16.8	14.7	31.5	23.5	25.8	1,261.6
Jun	167.9	166.7	84.5	111.9	107.0	89.3	76.0	52.7	62.0	28.0	45.5	13.8	15.6	13.9	16.2	9.0	30.0	1,090.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>585.2</b>	<b>464.6</b>	<b>274.0</b>	<b>299.5</b>	<b>316.7</b>	<b>294.6</b>	<b>209.0</b>	<b>166.9</b>	<b>185.2</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>119.3</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>3,405.7</b>
Jul	143.1	148.0	82.8	79.9	98.5	86.9	82.2	55.8	63.3	26.4	39.0	14.7	23.0	13.6	15.9	13.0	23.9	1,010.0
Aug	196.2	184.5	93.5	118.1	110.2	98.3	83.8	68.7	77.7	37.9	44.2	18.4	16.3	14.2	18.3	10.6	25.1	1,216.0
Sep	179.0	238.3	85.8	115.8	102.4	100.2	66.2	60.1	64.9	37.6	32.8	15.6	21.5	17.2	13.1	10.8	17.8	1,179.0
<b>Q3</b>	<b>518.3</b>	<b>570.7</b>	<b>262.1</b>	<b>313.9</b>	<b>311.1</b>	<b>285.3</b>	<b>232.3</b>	<b>184.7</b>	<b>205.9</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>3,405.0</b>
Oct	164.1	206.8	128.3	87.4	91.8	98.6	71.9	74.6	74.8	45.3	44.4	15.4	22.6	16.7	10.8	24.3	27.9	1,205.6
Nov	205.8	247.5	120.2	97.3	128.7	103.1	90.1	61.1	74.1	44.6	41.2	14.4	21.8	17.5	7.8	18.0	21.3	1,314.4
Dec	189.1	188.0	92.3	83.1	81.6	76.8	64.8	60.8	59.4	45.2	33.9	22.6	17.7	16.2	12.7	11.5	14.6	1,070.4
<b>Q4</b>	<b>559.0</b>	<b>642.3</b>	<b>340.8</b>	<b>267.8</b>	<b>302.0</b>	<b>278.5</b>	<b>226.8</b>	<b>196.5</b>	<b>208.3</b>	<b>135.1</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>3,590.4</b>
<b>Total_2025</b>	<b>2,355.9</b>	<b>2,315.8</b>	<b>1,132.9</b>	<b>1,185.0</b>	<b>1,222.3</b>	<b>1,131.9</b>	<b>828.9</b>	<b>718.5</b>	<b>802.8</b>	<b>489.8</b>	<b>458.3</b>	<b>200.5</b>	<b>219.9</b>	<b>205.1</b>	<b>205.7</b>	<b>208.8</b>	<b>273.8</b>	<b>13,955.9</b>
<b>% Contribution</b>																		
Nov_2025	15.7	18.8	9.1	7.4	9.8	7.8	6.9	4.6	5.6	3.4	3.1	1.1	1.7	1.3	0.6	1.4	1.6	100.0
Dec_2025	17.7	17.6	8.6	7.8	7.6	7.2	6.1	5.7	5.6	4.2	3.2	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.4	100.0

Note: 'Other' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 07, 13 & 14

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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, insulin, 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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