

Botswana Food & Beverage Imports

February 2026

Botswana received imports worth **P9, 843.6 million** in February 2026. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to **P1, 037.9 million**, representing 10.5 percent of total imports. The leading imported chapters among Food & Beverages imports, were Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) and Cereals (Chapter 10) with contribution of 19.4 percent and 14.5 percent, respectively. Miscellaneous edible preparations (Chapter 21) constituted 9.6 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the most prominent commodity imported. The leading 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) with contributions of 32.2 percent and 25.1 percent. Other non-alcoholic beverages (HS220299) and Sweetened or flavoured waters (HS220210) followed with contributions of 13.0 percent and 10.2 percent, respectively.

Cereals was the second dominant commodity group imported. The major imports of food products among cereals are, Other Maize (corn) (HS100590) and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (HS100630) accounting for 57.5 percent and 26.6 percent, respectively. Other wheat other than durum wheat (HS100199) followed with a contribution of 14.6 percent.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – January 2026 and February 2026 (Million Pula)

HS Code	Description	Feb_2026	% Contribution	Jan_2026	Change	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	201.5	19.4	181.7	19.8	10.9
10	Cereals	150.4	14.5	395.0	(244.6)	(61.9)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	100.0	9.6	95.3	4.6	4.9
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	81.1	7.8	78.1	3.0	3.8
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	77.3	7.4	91.9	(14.6)	(15.9)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	72.3	7.0	87.8	(15.5)	(17.7)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	62.3	6.0	58.1	4.2	7.2
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	60.1	5.8	62.0	(1.9)	(3.1)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	53.3	5.1	56.6	(3.3)	(5.8)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	41.5	4.0	45.4	(3.9)	(8.6)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	37.0	3.6	28.0	9.0	32.3
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	24.0	2.3	12.2	11.8	96.8
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	16.8	1.6	12.2	4.6	38.2
02	Meat and edible meat offal	15.0	1.4	15.7	(0.7)	(4.3)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	13.5	1.3	9.6	3.9	40.3
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	13.3	1.3	8.1	5.2	63.8
	Other	18.7	1.8	23.8	(5.1)	(21.4)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,037.9	10.5	1,261.5	(223.5)	(17.7)
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	8,805.6	89.5	4,798.3	4,007.4	83.5
	Total Imports	9,843.6	100.0	6,059.7	3,783.8	62.4

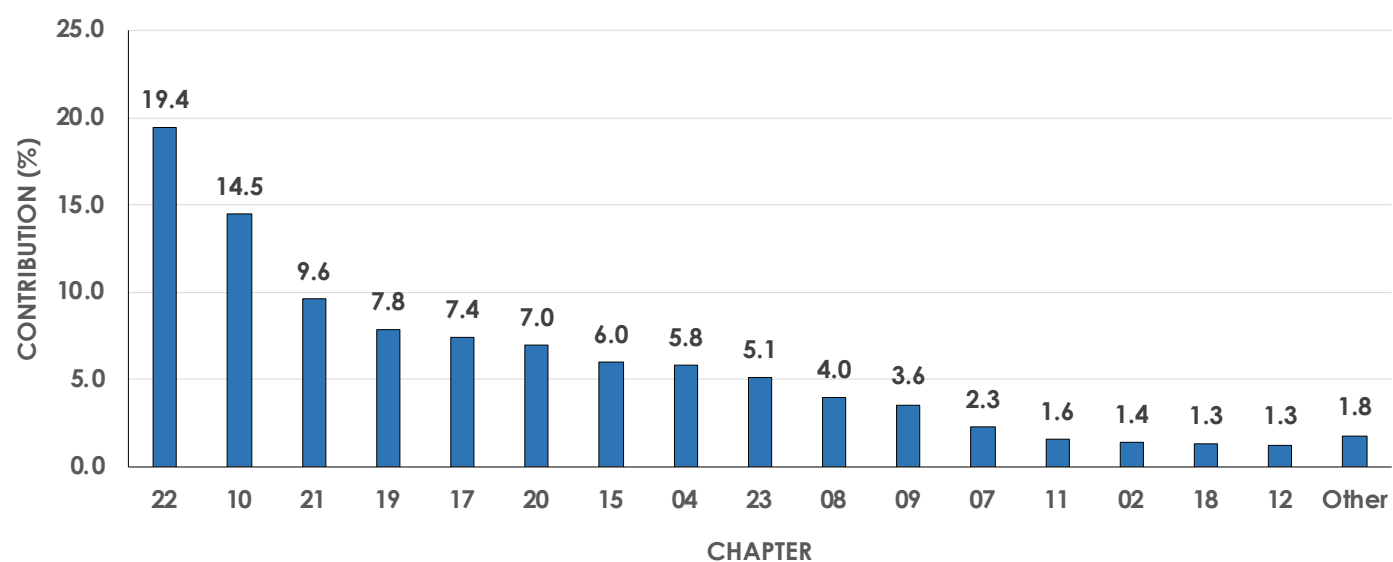
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – February 2026



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Table 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports – February 2026

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt:	64.8	32.2
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	50.6	25.1
220299	Other non-alcoholic beverages	26.2	13.0
220210	Sweetened or flavoured waters	20.6	10.2
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	8.2	4.1
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	7.4	3.7
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	5.6	2.8
220830	Whiskies:	4.3	2.2
220850	Gin and Geneva:	3.7	1.8
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc:	2.4	1.2
220429	Other;; Unfortified wine;; Fortified wine:	1.4	0.7
220890	Other;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	1.3	0.6
220860	Vodka:	1.2	0.6
220900	Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid	1.1	0.6
220291	Non-alcoholic beer	1.1	0.5
	Other	1.5	0.7
	Total	201.5	100.0

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other maize (corn)	86.5	57.5
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	40.0	26.6
100199	Other wheat, other than durum wheat	22.0	14.6
100640	Broken rice	1.3	0.9
100790	Other grain sorghum	0.5	0.3
	Other	0.1	0.1
	Total	150.4	100.0

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Table 3: Botswana Food & Beverages Imports (Excluding Live Animals) – January 2025 to February 2026 (Million' Pula)

Period \ HS	22	10	21	19	17	20	15	04	23	08	09	07	11	02	18	12	Other	Total
Jan_2025	221.6	187.3	77.7	93.6	101.3	83.2	64.1	64.3	58.2	48.6	19.9	11.0	15.5	11.3	12.5	10.2	17.4	1,097.7
Feb	256.5	243.3	88.3	94.9	94.8	94.7	47.5	64.8	54.3	51.1	45.9	12.5	18.0	17.3	13.5	10.7	34.6	1,242.6
Mar	160.0	262.8	90.1	104.0	107.7	95.6	49.3	74.3	57.9	49.0	37.8	19.7	31.2	14.3	15.4	7.6	37.7	1,214.5
Q1	638.1	693.4	256.0	292.5	303.9	273.4	160.8	203.4	170.4	148.6	103.6	43.2	64.8	43.0	41.4	28.5	89.7	3,554.8
Apr	129.4	200.7	76.8	97.4	88.1	94.9	54.7	56.9	45.7	38.3	25.5	36.3	16.2	21.7	12.6	27.1	31.6	1,054.0
May	168.5	216.5	112.7	112.3	99.5	110.5	78.3	66.3	68.5	37.8	48.4	31.5	14.7	16.8	15.8	30.1	33.4	1,261.6
Jun	166.7	167.9	84.5	107.0	111.9	89.3	76.0	62.0	52.7	28.0	45.5	16.2	13.9	15.6	17.3	13.8	21.8	1,090.1
Q2	464.6	585.2	274.0	316.7	299.5	294.6	209.0	185.2	166.9	104.2	119.3	83.9	44.9	54.1	45.7	71.0	86.8	3,405.7
Jul	148.0	143.1	82.8	98.5	79.9	86.9	82.2	63.3	55.8	26.4	39.0	15.9	13.6	23.0	16.2	14.7	20.7	1,010.0
Aug	184.5	196.2	93.5	110.2	119.0	98.3	83.8	77.7	68.7	37.9	44.2	18.3	14.2	16.3	14.4	18.4	21.3	1,216.9
Sep	238.3	179.0	85.8	102.4	115.8	100.2	66.2	64.9	60.1	37.6	32.8	13.1	17.2	21.5	9.7	15.6	18.9	1,179.0
Q3	570.7	518.3	262.1	311.1	314.7	285.3	232.3	205.9	184.7	101.8	116.0	47.3	45.0	60.8	40.3	48.7	61.0	3,405.9
Oct	206.8	164.1	128.3	91.8	87.4	98.9	71.9	74.8	74.6	45.3	44.4	10.5	16.7	22.6	13.0	15.4	39.2	1,205.6
Nov	247.5	205.8	120.2	128.7	97.3	103.2	90.1	74.1	61.2	44.6	41.2	7.7	17.5	21.8	11.7	14.4	27.6	1,314.6
Dec	188.5	190.9	93.8	82.4	91.4	78.6	65.4	59.6	60.9	45.3	35.1	13.0	16.2	19.2	6.2	22.7	20.4	1,089.5
Q4	642.8	560.7	342.2	302.8	276.1	280.7	227.3	208.5	196.7	135.1	120.6	31.2	50.5	63.6	30.9	52.5	87.3	3,609.7
Total_2025	2,316.3	2,357.6	1,134.4	1,223.1	1,194.2	1,134.1	829.5	803.0	718.7	489.8	459.5	205.6	205.1	221.4	158.3	200.7	324.8	13,976.1
Jan_2026	181.7	395.0	95.3	78.1	91.9	87.8	58.1	62.0	56.6	45.4	28.0	12.2	12.2	15.7	9.6	8.1	23.8	1,261.5
Feb	201.5	150.4	100.0	81.1	77.3	72.3	62.3	60.1	53.3	41.5	37.0	24.0	16.8	15.0	13.5	13.3	18.7	1,037.9
%Contribution																		
Jan_2026	14.4	31.3	7.6	6.2	7.3	7.0	4.6	4.9	4.5	3.6	2.2	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.9	100.0
Feb	19.4	14.5	9.6	7.8	7.4	7.0	6.0	5.8	5.1	4.0	3.6	2.3	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.8	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, 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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