

Botswana Food & Beverage Imports

March 2026

Botswana received imports worth **P5, 032.3 million** in March 2026. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to **P636.8 million**, representing 12.7 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 18.1 percent and 14.3 percent, respectively. Miscellaneous edible preparations (Chapter 21) constituted 10.0 percent.

Cereals was the most prominent commodity imported. The leading imported products among the Cereals are Other Maize (corn) (HS100590), Other wheat, other than durum wheat (HS100199) and Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (HS100630) with contributions of 39.0 percent, 33.1 percent and 26.0 percent respectively.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the second dominant commodity imported. The major imports among the Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar are Beer made from malt (HS220300), Other fermented beverages and mixtures thereof with non-alcoholic beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake). (HS220600) with contributions of 35.5 percent and 22.3 percent. Flavored or sweetened waters and other non-alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit, nut, and vegetable juices) (HS220299) and Flavoured or sweetened waters, including mineral and aerated waters (HS220210) followed with contributions of 14.8 percent and 10.3 percent, respectively.

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

HS Code	Description	Mar_2026	% Contribution	Feb_2026	Change	% Change
10	Cereals	115.5	18.1	150.4	(34.8)	(23.2)
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	90.9	14.3	201.5	(110.6)	(54.9)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	63.9	10.0	100.0	(36.1)	(36.1)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products	53.0	8.3	81.2	(28.2)	(34.7)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	50.2	7.9	77.6	(27.5)	(35.4)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	42.8	6.7	62.3	(19.4)	(31.2)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	40.9	6.4	72.3	(31.4)	(43.4)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	35.0	5.5	60.1	(25.1)	(41.8)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	30.1	4.7	53.3	(23.2)	(43.5)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	22.8	3.6	41.5	(18.7)	(45.1)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	21.2	3.3	37.0	(15.8)	(42.6)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	19.6	3.1	24.0	(4.4)	(18.3)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	16.7	2.6	9.8	6.9	71.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal	9.4	1.5	15.0	(5.6)	(37.3)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	8.2	1.3	16.8	(8.6)	(51.2)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	6.9	1.1	13.5	(6.6)	(48.6)
	Other	9.6	1.5	22.2	(12.5)	(56.6)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	636.8	12.7	1,038.3	(401.5)	(38.7)
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	4,395.5	87.3	9,030.8	(4,635.3)	(51.3)
	Total Imports	5,032.3	100.0	10,069.2	(5,036.8)	(50.0)

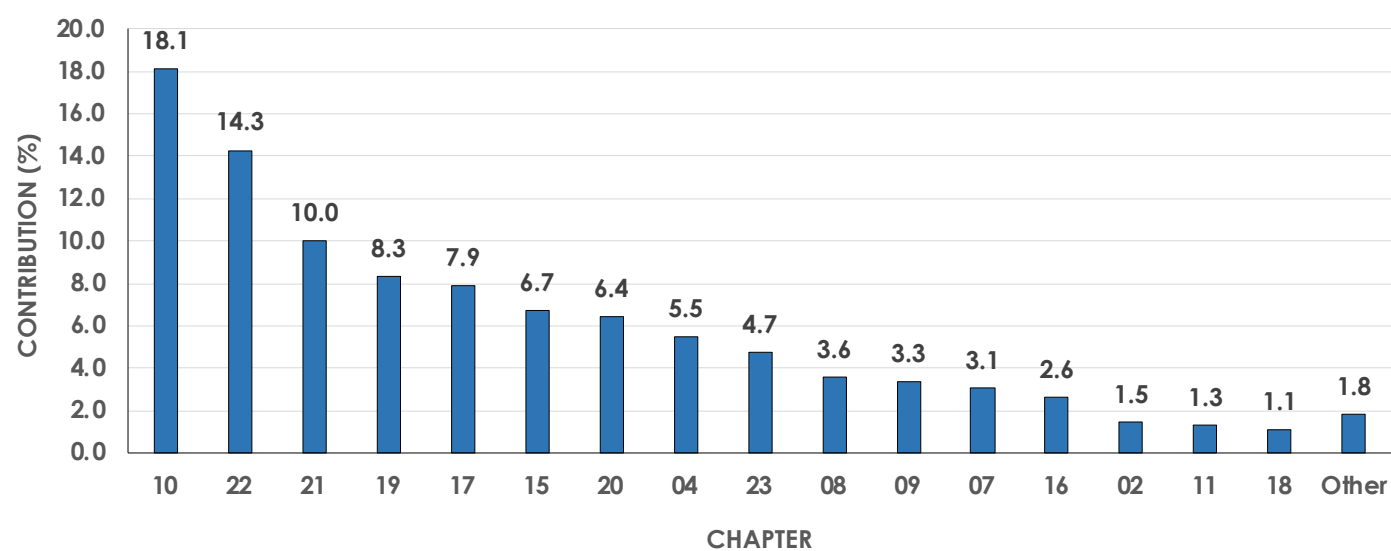
Note: 'Other' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 13, 14 & 18

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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – March 2026



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

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other maize (corn)	45.1	39.0
100199	Other wheat, other than durum wheat	38.3	33.1
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	30.0	26.0
100640	Broken rice	1.1	0.9
100610	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	0.6	0.5
100790	Other grain sorghum	0.5	0.4
	Other	0.1	0.0
	Total	115.5	100.0

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	32.3	35.5
220600	Other fermented beverages and mixtures thereof with non-alcoholic beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake)	20.2	22.3
220299	Flavored or sweetened waters and other non-alcoholic beverages (excluding fruit, nut, and vegetable juices)	13.5	14.8
220210	Flavoured or sweetened waters, including mineral and aerated waters	9.4	10.3
220421	Other wine; grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol in containers holding 2 li or less; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	4.8	5.3
220850	Gin and Geneva	2.4	2.6
220422	Other wine; grape must with fermentation prevented or arrested by the addition of alcohol in containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	1.8	2.0
220830	Whiskies	1.7	1.9
220870	Liqueurs and cordials; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	1.5	1.6
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	0.7	0.8
220860	Vodka	0.5	0.5
220291	Non-alcoholic beer	0.5	0.5
220900	Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid	0.4	0.5
	Other	1.3	1.5
	Total	90.9	100.0

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

Period \ HS	10	22	21	19	17	15	20	04	23	08	09	07	16	02	11	18	Other	Total
Jan_2025	187.3	221.6	77.7	93.6	101.3	64.1	83.2	64.3	58.2	48.6	19.9	11.0	13.8	11.3	15.5	12.5	13.8	1,097.7
Feb	243.3	256.5	88.3	94.9	94.8	47.5	94.7	64.8	54.3	51.1	45.9	12.5	22.7	17.3	18.0	13.5	22.6	1,242.6
Mar	262.8	160.0	90.1	104.0	107.7	49.3	95.6	74.3	57.9	49.0	37.8	19.7	29.5	14.3	31.2	15.4	15.9	1,214.5
Q1	693.4	638.1	256.0	292.5	303.9	160.8	273.4	203.4	170.4	148.6	103.6	43.2	65.9	43.0	64.8	41.4	52.3	3,554.8
Apr	200.7	129.5	76.8	97.4	88.1	54.7	95.0	56.9	45.7	38.3	25.5	36.3	22.1	21.7	16.2	12.6	36.6	1,054.2
May	216.5	168.5	112.7	112.3	99.5	78.3	110.5	66.3	68.5	37.8	48.4	31.5	23.5	16.8	14.7	15.8	40.0	1,261.6
Jun	167.9	166.7	84.5	107.0	111.9	76.0	89.3	62.0	52.7	28.0	45.5	16.2	9.0	15.6	13.9	17.3	26.6	1,090.1
Q2	585.2	464.7	274.0	316.7	299.5	209.0	294.8	185.2	166.9	104.2	119.3	83.9	54.6	54.1	44.9	45.7	103.2	3,405.8
Jul	143.1	148.0	82.8	98.5	79.9	82.2	86.9	63.3	55.8	26.4	39.0	15.9	13.0	23.0	13.6	16.2	22.4	1,010.0
Aug	196.2	184.5	93.5	110.2	119.0	83.8	98.3	77.7	68.7	37.9	44.2	18.3	10.6	16.3	14.2	14.4	29.1	1,216.9
Sep	179.0	238.3	85.8	102.4	115.8	66.2	100.2	64.9	60.1	37.6	32.8	13.1	10.8	21.5	17.2	9.7	23.7	1,179.0
Q3	518.3	570.7	262.1	311.1	314.7	232.3	285.3	205.9	184.7	101.8	116.0	47.3	34.4	60.8	45.0	40.3	75.2	3,405.9
Oct	164.1	206.8	128.3	91.8	87.4	71.9	98.9	74.8	74.6	45.3	44.4	10.5	24.3	22.6	16.7	13.0	30.3	1,205.6
Nov	205.8	247.5	120.2	128.7	97.3	90.1	103.2	74.1	61.2	44.6	41.2	7.7	18.0	21.8	17.5	11.7	24.0	1,314.6
Dec	190.9	188.5	93.8	82.4	91.4	65.4	78.6	59.6	60.9	45.3	35.1	13.0	11.9	19.2	16.2	6.2	31.2	1,089.5
Q4	560.7	642.8	342.2	302.8	276.1	227.3	280.7	208.5	196.7	135.1	120.6	31.2	54.3	63.6	50.5	30.9	85.5	3,609.7
Total_2025	2,357.6	2,316.3	1,134.4	1,223.1	1,194.2	829.5		803.0	718.7	489.8	459.5	205.6	209.2	221.4	205.1	158.3	316.3	13,976.2
Jan_2026	395.0	181.7	95.3	78.1	91.9	58.1	87.8	62.0	56.6	45.4	28.0	12.2	19.1	15.7	12.2	9.6	12.7	1,261.5
Feb	150.4	201.5	100.0	81.2	77.6	62.3	72.3	60.1	53.3	41.5	37.0	24.0	9.8	15.0	16.8	13.5	22.2	1,038.3
Mar	115.5	90.9	63.9	53.0	50.2	42.8	40.9	35.0	30.1	22.8	21.2	19.6	16.7	9.4	8.2	6.9	9.6	636.8
Q1	660.9	474.0	259.2	212.4	219.7	163.2	201.1	157.1	140.1	109.7	86.2	55.7	45.5	40.1	37.2	30.1	44.6	2,936.6

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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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