

# Botswana Food & Beverage Imports

## September 2025

**B**otswana received imports worth P7, 061.0 million in September 2025. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to P1, 167.4 million, representing 16.5 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 20.3 percent and 15.3 percent, respectively. Sugars and sugar confectionery (Chapter 17) constituted 9.2 percent.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the most prominent commodity 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 34.3 percent, 27.0 percent and 14.0 percent, respectively.

Cereals was the second dominant 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 43.9 percent and 30.8 percent, respectively. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (HS100630) followed with a contribution of 24.4 percent.

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

HS Code	Description	September	% Contribution	August	Change	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	236.5	20.3	184.5	52.0	28.2
10	Cereals	178.9	15.3	196.2	(17.3)	(8.8)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	107.1	9.2	118.1	(11.0)	(9.3)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	102.3	8.8	110.2	(7.8)	(7.1)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	100.1	8.6	98.3	1.9	1.9
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	85.5	7.3	93.5	(8.1)	(8.6)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	66.1	5.7	83.8	(17.7)	(21.2)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	64.9	5.6	77.7	(12.8)	(16.5)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	60.1	5.1	68.7	(8.6)	(12.5)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	37.6	3.2	37.9	(0.3)	(0.7)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	32.6	2.8	44.2	(11.6)	(26.3)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	21.5	1.8	16.3	5.1	31.6
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	17.0	1.5	14.2	2.9	20.2
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	15.5	1.3	18.4	(2.8)	(15.3)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	13.1	1.1	18.3	(5.2)	(28.5)
	<b>Other</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>(7.2)</b>	<b>(20.1)</b>
	<b>Total Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>1,167.4</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>1,216.0</b>	<b>(48.6)</b>	<b>(4.0)</b>
	<b>Non-Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>5,893.6</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>5,708.8</b>	<b>184.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>7,061.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,924.8</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>

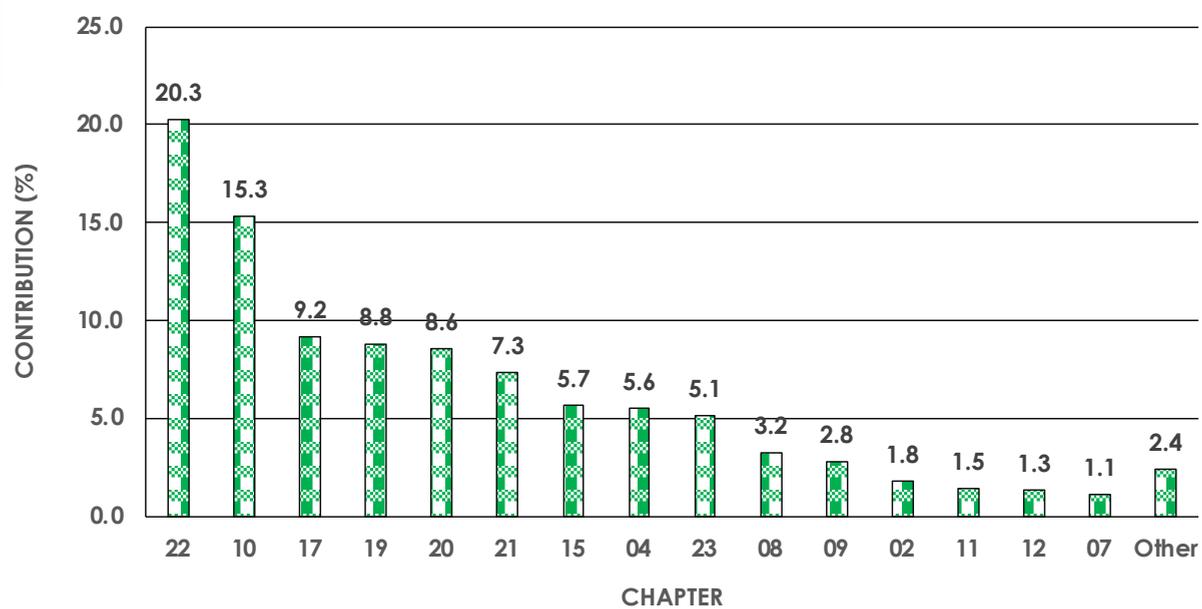
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – September 2025



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

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	81.2	34.3
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	63.9	27.0
220299	Other waters	33.1	14.0
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	25.0	10.6
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	11.7	4.9
220870	Liqueurs and cordials	4.0	1.7
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	3.2	1.4
220830	Whiskies	2.8	1.2
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	2.3	1.0
220890	Other undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80 per cent vol.; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages.;; In containers holding 2 li or less	2.2	0.9
220850	Gin and Geneva	1.8	0.8
220900	Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid	1.4	0.6
220410	Sparkling wine	1.2	0.5
	<b>Other</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>236.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

b) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other maize (corn)	78.6	43.9
100199	Other wheat, other than durum wheat	55.1	30.8
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	43.6	24.4
100510	Seed maize (corn)	0.6	0.4
	<b>Other</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>178.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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

Period \ HS	22	10	17	19	20	21	15	04	23	08	09	02	11	12	07	Other	Total
Jan_2024	188.6	233.4	92.6	77.7	101.7	95.2	32.7	62.7	59.6	46.4	34.5	10.2	13.4	12.0	13.1	27.8	1,101.6
Feb	188.4	237.5	77.8	91.6	92.9	75.3	60.8	57.8	55.3	42.3	31.2	6.3	15.3	10.0	11.4	48.0	1,102.0
Mar	222.8	262.0	85.9	74.4	96.0	79.4	52.6	66.2	54.1	47.7	30.0	13.0	15.6	9.3	14.0	37.6	1,160.6
<b>Q1</b>	<b>599.8</b>	<b>732.8</b>	<b>256.3</b>	<b>243.8</b>	<b>290.6</b>	<b>249.8</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>186.7</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>3,364.2</b>
Apr	224.9	183.6	83.6	111.1	110.9	75.7	56.8	59.3	63.2	44.1	34.8	14.9	14.5	11.2	16.4	34.3	1,139.4
May	189.1	281.0	108.4	101.2	91.0	92.0	58.9	66.4	70.0	36.1	43.8	22.7	19.2	14.4	16.4	39.6	1,250.3
Jun	166.9	184.1	83.1	107.7	84.6	96.4	63.9	78.5	58.1	33.9	51.3	18.1	15.9	14.2	15.6	44.5	1,116.7
<b>Q2</b>	<b>580.9</b>	<b>648.7</b>	<b>275.1</b>	<b>320.0</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>264.1</b>	<b>179.5</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>191.4</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>118.5</b>	<b>3,506.4</b>
Jul	190.8	216.2	106.5	115.0	93.3	82.2	70.1	69.4	78.6	38.6	40.7	18.1	19.4	18.5	15.4	60.5	1,233.3
Aug	219.3	258.2	123.4	101.4	100.8	94.3	67.4	71.8	76.8	41.0	50.8	20.7	13.6	19.0	12.9	49.9	1,321.5
Sep	222.4	163.2	99.3	86.3	101.0	111.2	68.2	66.6	70.1	47.2	37.2	20.4	16.3	22.6	9.7	58.5	1,200.2
<b>Q3</b>	<b>632.4</b>	<b>637.7</b>	<b>329.2</b>	<b>302.7</b>	<b>295.2</b>	<b>287.7</b>	<b>205.7</b>	<b>207.8</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>3,755.0</b>
Oct	240.5	207.1	110.3	106.1	122.4	100.4	63.0	74.9	74.5	50.2	38.9	20.8	20.7	19.6	6.4	47.4	1,303.1
Nov	252.7	316.4	113.4	94.6	146.6	121.7	50.4	69.1	77.4	51.1	51.0	13.6	18.5	23.3	8.4	37.6	1,445.8
Dec	228.3	232.7	102.7	97.5	144.3	104.4	73.9	71.8	68.7	54.7	28.7	21.8	12.4	19.8	17.7	45.9	1,325.2
<b>Q4</b>	<b>721.5</b>	<b>756.2</b>	<b>326.4</b>	<b>298.1</b>	<b>413.4</b>	<b>326.5</b>	<b>187.3</b>	<b>215.8</b>	<b>220.6</b>	<b>156.0</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>4,074.2</b>
<b>Total_2024</b>	<b>2,534.6</b>	<b>2,775.4</b>	<b>1,187.0</b>	<b>1,164.6</b>	<b>1,285.7</b>	<b>1,128.0</b>	<b>718.6</b>	<b>814.5</b>	<b>806.4</b>	<b>533.3</b>	<b>473.0</b>	<b>200.6</b>	<b>194.8</b>	<b>193.8</b>	<b>157.5</b>	<b>531.7</b>	<b>14,699.7</b>
Jan_2025	221.6	187.3	101.3	93.6	83.1	77.7	64.0	64.3	58.2	48.6	19.9	11.3	15.5	10.2	11.0	30.0	1,097.6
Feb	256.5	243.3	94.8	94.9	94.7	88.3	47.5	64.8	54.3	51.1	45.9	17.3	18.0	10.7	12.5	48.0	1,242.6
Mar	160.0	262.8	107.7	104.0	95.6	90.1	49.3	74.3	57.9	49.0	37.8	14.3	31.2	7.6	19.7	53.1	1,214.5
<b>Q1</b>	<b>638.1</b>	<b>693.4</b>	<b>303.9</b>	<b>292.4</b>	<b>273.4</b>	<b>256.0</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>203.4</b>	<b>170.4</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>3,554.6</b>
Apr	129.4	200.7	88.1	97.4	94.9	76.8	54.7	56.9	45.7	38.3	25.5	21.7	16.2	27.1	36.3	44.2	1,054.0
May	168.5	216.5	99.5	112.3	110.5	112.7	78.3	66.3	68.5	37.8	48.4	16.8	14.7	30.1	31.5	49.3	1,261.6
Jun	166.7	167.9	111.9	107.0	89.3	84.5	76.0	62.0	52.7	28.0	45.5	15.6	13.9	13.8	16.2	39.1	1,090.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>464.6</b>	<b>585.2</b>	<b>299.5</b>	<b>316.7</b>	<b>294.6</b>	<b>274.0</b>	<b>209.0</b>	<b>185.2</b>	<b>166.9</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>119.3</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>132.5</b>	<b>3,405.7</b>
Jul	148.0	143.1	79.9	98.5	86.9	82.8	82.2	63.3	55.8	26.4	39.0	23.0	13.6	14.7	15.9	37.0	1,010.0
Aug	184.5	196.2	118.1	110.2	98.3	93.5	83.8	77.7	68.7	37.9	44.2	16.3	14.2	18.4	18.3	35.7	1,216.0
Sep	236.5	178.9	107.1	102.3	100.1	85.5	66.1	64.9	60.1	37.6	32.6	21.5	17.0	15.5	13.1	28.5	1,167.4
<b>Q3</b>	<b>568.9</b>	<b>518.2</b>	<b>305.1</b>	<b>311.0</b>	<b>285.3</b>	<b>261.8</b>	<b>232.2</b>	<b>205.9</b>	<b>184.7</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>115.8</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>3,393.4</b>
<b>% Contribution</b>																	
<b>Aug</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Sept</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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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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