

Botswana Food & Beverage Imports

November 2025

In November 2025, Botswana received imports valued at **P7, 316.6 million**. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to **P1, 308.7 million**, representing **17.9 percent** of total imports. The top imported chapters among Food & Beverages imports, were Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) and Cereals (Chapter 10) with contribution of 18.7 percent and 15.7 percent, respectively. Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products (Chapter 19) and Miscellaneous edible preparations (Chapter 21) constituted 9.8 percent and 9.2 percent in that order.

Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the most prominent commodity imported. The leading imported products among the Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar are Beer made from malt (HS220300) and Other fermented beverages, & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages (HS220600) with contributions of 33.1 percent and 21.9 percent respectively. Other waters (HS220299) and Mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured (HS220210) equally contributed 12.8 percent.

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 not polished or glazed (HS100630) accounting for 36.9 percent and 28.2 percent, respectively. Other wheat other than durum wheat (HS100199) followed with a contribution of 27.4 percent.

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

HS Code	Description	November	% Contribution	October	Change	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	244.4	18.7	206.8	37.6	18.2
10	Cereals	205.7	15.7	164.1	41.7	25.4
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	128.7	9.8	91.8	36.9	40.2
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	120.2	9.2	128.3	(8.1)	(6.3)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	102.5	7.8	98.6	3.9	3.9
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	96.3	7.4	87.4	8.8	10.1
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	89.4	6.8	71.9	17.6	24.4
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	74.1	5.7	74.8	(0.7)	(0.9)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	61.0	4.7	74.6	(13.6)	(18.2)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	44.6	3.4	45.3	(0.7)	(1.5)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	41.1	3.1	44.4	(3.2)	(7.3)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	21.8	1.7	22.6	(0.8)	(3.4)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	18.0	1.4	24.3	(6.3)	(26.0)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	17.5	1.3	16.7	0.8	4.9
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	14.4	1.1	15.4	(1.1)	(6.9)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	11.7	0.9	13.0	(1.4)	(10.5)
	Other	17.4	1.3	25.7	(8.3)	(32.4)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,308.7	17.9	1,205.6	103.2	8.6
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	6,007.9	82.1	6,617.8	(609.9)	(9.2)
	Total Imports	7,316.6	100.0	7,823.4	(506.8)	(6.5)

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

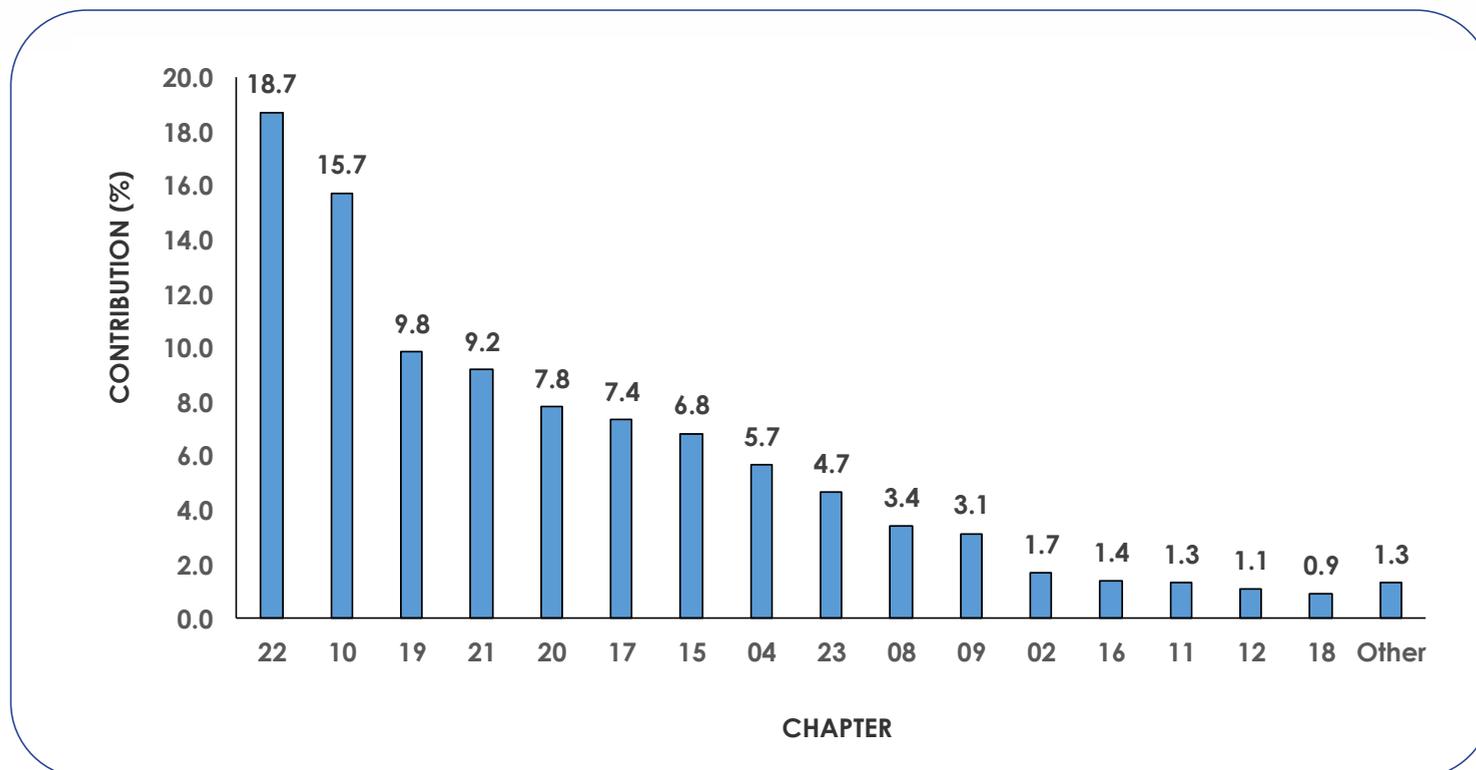


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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – November 2025



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

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	80.9	33.1
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	53.5	21.9
220299	Other waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured, and other non-alcoholic beverages, (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices	31.3	12.8
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	31.2	12.8
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	13.2	5.4
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	6.3	2.6
220830	Whiskies	6.2	2.5
220870	Liqueurs and cordials; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	4.7	1.9
220850	Gin and Geneva	3.6	1.5
220890	Other; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	2.9	1.2
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	2.7	1.1
	Other	7.9	3.2
	Total	244.4	100.0

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other maize (corn)	76.0	36.9
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	57.9	28.2
100199	Other wheat, other than durum wheat	56.3	27.4
100510	Seed maize (corn)	9.5	4.6
100710	Seed grain sorghum	3.2	1.5
	Other	2.8	1.3
	Total	205.7	100.0

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

Period \ HS	22	10	19	21	20	17	15	04	23	08	09	02	16	11	12	18	Other	Total	
Jan_2024	188.6	233.4	77.7	95.2	101.7	92.6	32.7	62.7	59.6	46.4	34.5	10.2	13.7	13.4	12.0	8.6	18.6	1,101.6	
Feb	188.4	237.5	91.6	75.3	92.9	77.8	60.8	57.8	55.3	42.3	31.2	6.3	23.2	15.3	10.0	13.5	22.8	1,102.0	
Mar	222.8	262.0	74.4	79.4	96.0	85.9	52.6	66.2	54.1	47.7	30.0	13.0	23.6	15.6	9.3	9.3	18.7	1,160.5	
Q1	599.8	732.8	243.8	249.8	290.6	256.3	146.1	186.7	169.0	136.4	95.7	29.6	60.6	44.3	31.3	31.4	60.1	3,364.2	
Apr	224.9	183.6	111.1	75.7	110.9	83.6	56.8	59.3	63.2	44.1	34.8	14.9	15.1	14.5	11.2	9.1	26.5	1,139.4	
May	189.1	281.0	101.2	92.0	91.0	108.4	58.9	66.4	70.0	36.1	43.8	22.7	17.5	19.2	14.4	12.2	26.3	1,250.3	
Jun	166.9	184.1	107.7	96.4	84.6	83.1	63.9	78.5	58.1	33.9	51.3	18.1	20.2	15.9	14.2	16.5	23.4	1,116.7	
Q2	580.9	648.7	320.0	264.1	286.5	275.1	179.5	204.2	191.4	114.1	129.9	55.7	52.9	49.6	39.7	37.8	76.2	3,506.4	
Jul	190.8	216.2	115.0	82.2	93.3	106.5	70.1	69.4	78.6	38.6	40.7	18.1	33.0	19.4	18.5	19.6	23.4	1,233.3	
Aug	219.3	258.2	101.4	94.3	100.8	123.4	67.4	71.8	76.8	41.0	50.8	20.7	20.8	13.6	19.0	15.1	26.9	1,321.5	
Sep	222.4	163.2	86.3	111.2	101.0	99.3	68.2	66.6	70.1	47.2	37.2	20.4	19.9	16.3	22.6	16.7	31.5	1,200.2	
Q3	632.4	637.7	302.7	287.7	295.2	329.2	205.7	207.8	225.5	126.8	128.7	59.2	73.8	49.4	60.1	51.4	81.8	3,755.0	
Oct	240.5	207.1	106.1	100.4	122.5	110.3	63.0	74.9	74.5	50.2	38.9	20.8	23.6	20.7	19.6	13.2	16.9	1,303.1	
Nov	252.7	316.4	94.6	121.7	146.6	113.4	50.4	69.1	77.4	51.1	51.0	13.6	17.5	18.5	23.3	10.8	17.7	1,445.8	
Dec	228.3	232.7	97.5	104.4	144.3	102.7	73.9	71.8	68.7	54.7	28.7	21.8	23.6	12.4	19.8	7.4	32.6	1,325.2	
Q4	721.4	756.2	298.1	326.5	413.4	326.4	187.3	215.8	220.6	156.0	118.7	56.1	64.7	51.6	62.6	31.5	67.2	4,074.2	
Total_2024	2,534.6	2,775.4	1,164.6	1,128.0	1,285.7	1,187.0	718.6	814.5	806.4	533.3	473.0	200.6	251.9	194.8	193.8	152.1	285.3	14,699.7	
Jan_2025	221.6	187.3	93.6	77.7	83.2	101.3	64.1	64.3	58.2	48.6	19.9	11.3	13.8	15.5	10.2	12.5	14.6	1,097.7	
Feb	256.5	243.3	94.9	88.3	94.7	94.8	47.5	64.8	54.3	51.1	45.9	17.3	22.7	18.0	10.7	13.5	24.4	1,242.6	
Mar	160.0	262.8	104.0	90.1	95.6	107.7	49.3	74.3	57.9	49.0	37.8	14.3	29.5	31.2	7.6	15.4	28.0	1,214.5	
Q1	638.1	693.4	292.5	256.0	273.4	303.9	160.8	203.4	170.4	148.6	103.6	43.0	65.9	64.8	28.5	41.4	67.0	3,554.8	
Apr	129.4	200.7	97.4	76.8	94.9	88.1	54.7	56.9	45.7	38.3	25.5	21.7	22.1	16.2	27.1	12.6	45.7	1,054.0	
May	168.5	216.5	112.3	112.7	110.5	99.5	78.3	66.3	68.5	37.8	48.4	16.8	23.5	14.7	30.1	15.8	41.4	1,261.6	
Jun	166.7	167.9	107.0	84.5	89.3	111.9	76.0	62.0	52.7	28.0	45.5	15.6	9.0	13.9	13.8	17.3	29.0	1,090.1	
Q2	464.6	585.2	316.7	274.0	294.6	299.5	209.0	185.2	166.9	104.2	119.3	54.1	54.6	44.9	71.0	45.7	116.1	3,405.7	
Jul	148.0	143.1	98.5	82.8	86.9	79.9	82.2	63.3	55.8	26.4	39.0	23.0	13.0	13.6	14.7	16.2	23.6	1,010.0	
Aug	184.5	196.2	110.2	93.5	98.3	118.1	83.8	77.7	68.7	37.9	44.2	16.3	10.6	14.2	18.4	14.4	29.0	1,216.0	
Sep	238.3	179.0	102.4	85.8	100.2	115.8	66.2	64.9	60.1	37.6	32.8	21.5	10.8	17.2	15.6	9.7	21.2	1,179.0	
Q3	570.7	518.3	311.1	262.1	285.3	313.9	232.3	205.9	184.7	101.8	116.0	60.8	34.4	45.0	48.6	40.3	73.9	3,405.0	
Oct	206.8	164.1	91.8	128.3	98.6	87.4	71.9	74.8	74.6	45.3	44.4	22.6	24.3	16.7	15.4	13.0	25.7	1,205.6	
Nov	244.4	205.7	128.7	120.2	102.5	96.3	89.4	74.1	61.0	44.6	41.1	21.8	18.0	17.5	14.4	11.7	17.4	1,308.7	
% Contribution																			
Oct_2025	17.2	13.6	7.6	10.6	8.2	7.3	6.0	6.2	6.2	3.8	3.7	1.9	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.1	2.1	100.0	
Nov_2025	18.7	15.7	9.8	9.2	7.8	7.4	6.8	5.7	4.7	3.4	3.1	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.3	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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