

BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

August 2024



In August 2024, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P8, 639.5 million**. Food & Beverages amounted to P1, 316.1 million, representing 15.2 percent of the total imports. Within Food & Beverages, Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, spirits, & vinegar (Chapter 22) made up 19.6 percent and 16.5 percent, respectively. Sugars and sugar confectionery (Chapter 17) contributed 9.4 percent.

Among the cereal imports, the leading commodity was Other maize (corn), accounting for 40 percent of the category. Other wheat & muslin, not including durum wheat other than seed, followed with 31.3 percent, while semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether polished or glazed, contributed 21.2 percent.

Beverages, spirits, & vinegar were the second most imported commodity within the Food & Beverages category. Beer made from malt accounted for 34.4 percent, while Other fermented beverages (cider, perry, mead, sake) mixtures of fermented & non-alcoholic beverages, contributed 21.5 percent to Chapter 22 imports.

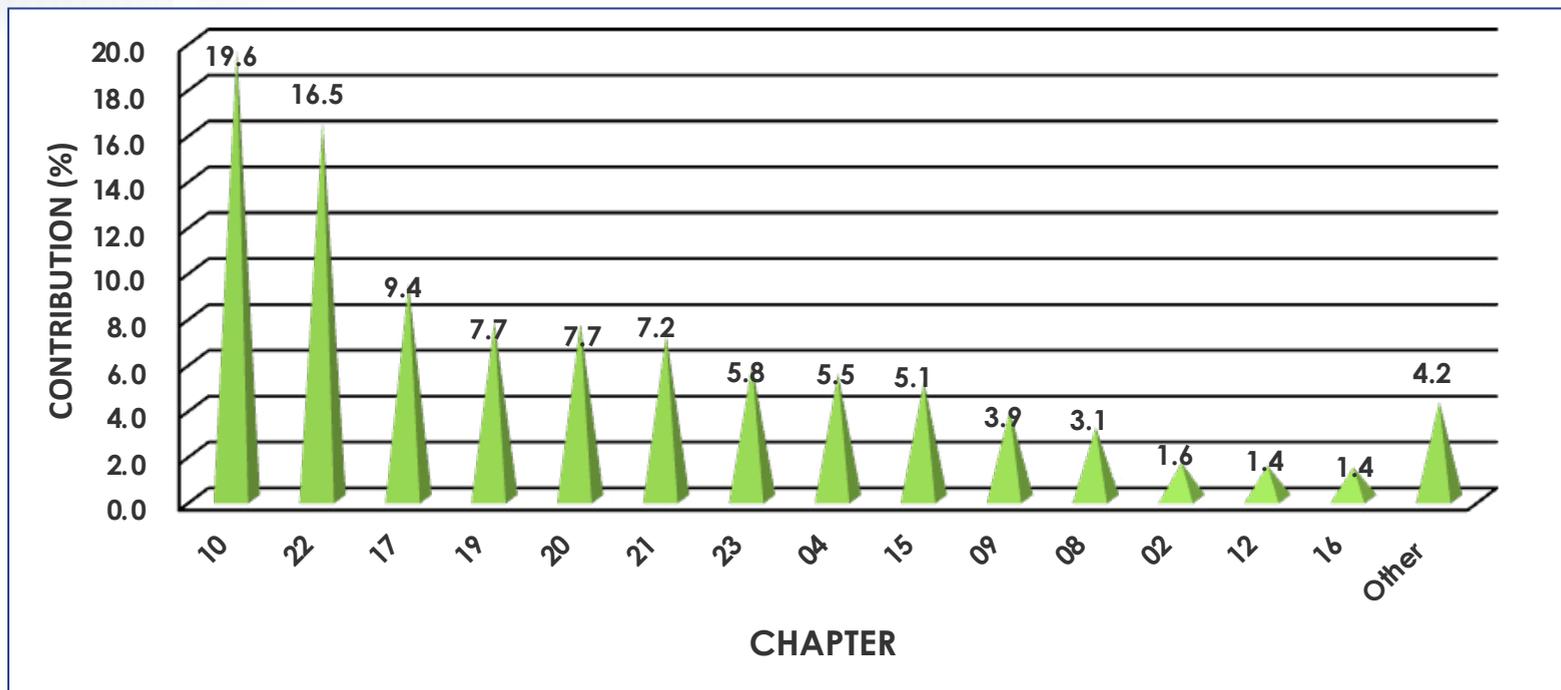
Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports –August and July 2024 (Million' Pula)

HS	Description	August	% Contribution	July	% Change
10	Cereals	258.1	19.6	216.2	19.4
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	216.8	16.5	190.8	13.7
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	123.4	9.4	106.5	15.9
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	101.4	7.7	114.8	(11.7)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants")	100.7	7.7	93.3	7.9
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	94.3	7.2	82.1	14.9
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	76.8	5.8	78.6	(2.3)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	71.8	5.5	69.4	3.4
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	67.4	5.1	70.1	(3.9)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	50.7	3.9	40.6	24.9
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	41.0	3.1	38.6	6.4
02	Meat and edible meat offal	20.7	1.6	18.1	14.5
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	19.0	1.4	18.5	3.2
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	18.1	1.4	33.0	(45.1)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	15.1	1.1	19.6	(22.8)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	13.6	1.0	19.4	(29.9)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	12.9	1.0	15.4	(16.6)
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	8.2	0.6	3.9	112.5
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	3.3	0.3	1.8	79.4
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2.4	0.2	2.2	7.6
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.1	0.0	0.0	325.0
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.0	0.0	(85.7)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,316.1	15.2	1,233.0	6.7
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	7,323.4	84.8	5,851.0	25.2
	Total Imports	8,639.5	100.0	7,084.0	22.0



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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –August 2024



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

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports – August 2024 (Million' Pula)

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	103.4	40.0
100199	Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat pther than seed	80.8	31.3
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	54.8	21.2
100790	Other grain Sorghum	9.7	3.8
	Other	9.4	3.6
	Total	258.1	100.0

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	74.6	34.4
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	46.7	21.5
220299	Other waters, including mineral waters \$ aerated , containg added sugar or flavoured & non-alcoholic beverages(excluding fruit,nut or vegeable juices)	26.5	12.2
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	15.2	7.0
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	13.6	6.3
220850	Gin and Geneva	10.7	4.9
220830	Whiskies	6.6	3.0
	Other	23.0	10.6
	Total	216.8	100.0

Table 3: Botswana Food & Beverages Imports (Excluding Live Animals) – January 2023 to August 2024 (Million' Pula)

Period \ HS	10	22	17	19	20	21	23	04	15	09	08	02	12	16	Other	Total
Jan_2023	187.5	167.3	64.2	65.8	78.1	53.0	47.5	49.8	31.7	17.3	41.5	9.8	14.8	32.8	34.3	895.3
Feb	176.7	381.9	158.9	79.4	72.4	73.3	47.4	51.9	40.8	31.0	39.3	10.2	8.9	23.5	45.3	1,241.0
Mar	174.6	382.1	71.9	85.7	89.5	71.5	64.1	53.3	48.4	34.9	44.2	7.7	8.9	17.9	52.9	1,207.4
Q1	538.8	931.4	295.0	230.9	240.0	197.8	159.0	155.0	120.9	83.2	125.1	27.7	32.6	74.2	132.4	3,343.8
Apr	138.7	374.9	60.1	80.5	61.9	66.6	45.4	56.4	47.4	33.7	33.3	10.0	6.7	16.2	51.8	1,083.7
May	180.9	160.5	88.6	92.0	82.6	72.0	53.8	55.0	67.9	30.0	28.5	10.9	6.8	15.9	51.7	997.0
Jun	237.8	185.5	110.0	93.6	71.6	79.5	66.8	58.0	64.6	43.9	33.3	12.4	10.5	16.5	48.0	1,132.1
Q2	557.3	720.9	258.7	266.1	216.2	218.1	166.1	169.4	179.9	107.6	95.1	33.3	24.0	48.7	151.4	3,212.8
Jul	195.8	198.1	88.7	95.3	90.9	71.4	51.4	61.8	61.9	43.7	32.8	7.6	8.6	19.4	37.4	1,064.9
Aug	165.5	336.6	110.2	89.0	88.0	74.7	64.7	64.5	72.5	40.0	35.5	9.6	13.0	24.0	53.0	1,240.8
Sep	161.2	463.8	60.4	84.7	84.0	100.3	59.7	64.8	70.2	41.9	37.6	15.0	15.6	12.0	53.1	1,324.4
Q3	522.5	998.6	259.3	269.1	263.0	246.4	175.8	191.2	204.6	125.6	105.9	32.3	37.2	55.3	143.5	3,630.1
Oct	188.3	485.3	107.9	89.5	111.7	87.8	66.9	66.6	70.6	34.5	40.5	11.6	25.0	21.4	50.4	1,458.1
Nov	162.0	456.9	96.4	92.1	129.1	101.3	71.5	64.7	74.8	33.6	41.5	7.7	14.6	25.1	42.8	1,414.2
Dec	147.9	231.9	79.6	77.6	90.8	81.4	59.3	54.8	58.8	21.5	40.2	7.5	11.5	17.5	40.4	1,020.6
Q4	498.3	1,174.1	283.9	259.2	331.6	270.5	197.7	186.1	204.2	89.7	122.2	26.9	51.0	64.0	133.6	3,892.8
Total_2023	2,116.9	3,824.9	1,096.9	1,025.3		932.8	698.5	701.6	709.5	406.0	448.3	120.1	144.8	242.2	561.0	14,079.5
Jan_2024	233.4	188.6	92.6	77.7	101.7	95.2	59.6	62.7	32.7	34.5	46.4	10.2	12.0	13.7	40.6	1,101.6
Feb	237.5	188.4	77.8	91.6	92.9	75.3	55.3	57.8	60.8	31.2	42.3	6.3	10.0	23.2	51.6	1,102.0
Mar	262.0	222.8	85.9	74.4	96.0	79.4	54.1	66.2	52.6	30.0	47.7	13.0	9.3	23.6	43.6	1,160.5
Q1	732.8	599.8	256.3	243.8	290.6	249.8	169.0	186.7	146.1	95.7	136.4	29.6	31.3	60.6	135.7	3,364.1
Apr	183.6	224.9	83.6	111.1	110.9	75.7	63.2	59.3	56.8	34.8	44.1	14.9	11.2	15.1	50.1	1,139.4
May	281.0	158.3	108.4	101.2	91.0	92.0	70.0	66.4	58.9	43.8	36.1	22.7	14.4	17.5	57.7	1,219.5
Jun	184.1	166.9	83.1	107.7	84.6	96.4	58.1	78.5	63.9	51.3	33.9	18.1	14.2	20.2	55.8	1,116.7
Q2	648.7	550.0	275.1	320.0	286.5	264.1	191.4	204.2	179.5	129.9	114.1	55.7	39.7	52.9	163.6	3,475.5
Jul	216.2	190.8	106.5	114.8	93.3	82.1	78.6	69.4	70.1	40.6	38.6	18.1	18.5	33.0	62.4	1,233.0
Aug	258.1	216.8	123.4	101.4	100.7	94.3	76.8	71.8	67.4	50.7	41.0	20.7	19.0	18.1	55.6	1,316.1
% Contribution																
Jul	17.5	15.5	8.6	9.3	7.6	6.7	6.4	5.6	5.7	3.3	3.1	1.5	1.5	2.7	5.1	100.0
Aug	19.6	16.5	9.4	7.7	7.7	7.2	5.8	5.5	5.1	3.9	3.1	1.6	1.4	1.4	4.2	100.0

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Annex 1: Chapters and Descriptions

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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, inulin, wheat gluten
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder
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