



# BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

## May 2024

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 8, 267.0 million** during the month of May 2024. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P 1, 212.6 million, representing 14.7 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) accounted for 23.2 percent and 13.0 percent of food & beverages imports respectively. Sugars and sugar confectionery (Chapter 17) followed with a contribution of 8.9 percent.

Cereals imports, the most prominent commodity was Other Maize (corn) accounting for 42.0 percent followed by Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed with a contribution of 34.1 percent.

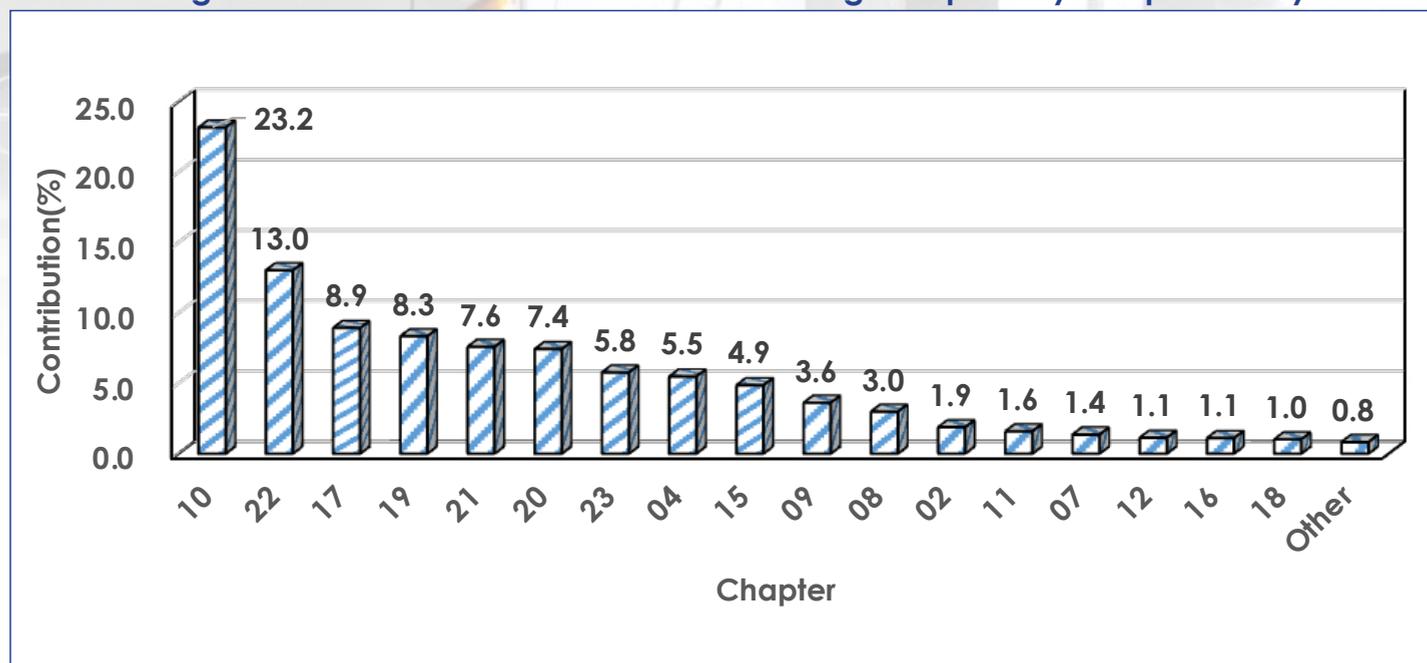
Among Beverages, spirits and vinegar; Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included and Beer made from malt made contributions of 27.9 percent and 20.2 percent respectively, to chapter 22.

**Table1: Botswana Food & Beverages (excluding live animals) imports –May 2024 and April 2024**  
(Million' Pula)

HS	Description	May	% Contribution	April	% Change
10	Cereals	280.9	23.2	183.6	53.0
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	157.9	13.0	224.9	(29.8)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	108.2	8.9	83.6	29.4
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	101.0	8.3	111.1	(9.1)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	91.9	7.6	75.7	21.4
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	90.0	7.4	110.9	(18.8)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	70.0	5.8	63.2	10.7
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	66.4	5.5	59.3	11.9
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	58.9	4.9	56.8	3.7
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	43.8	3.6	34.8	25.8
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	36.1	3.0	44.1	(18.1)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	22.7	1.9	14.9	52.4
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	19.2	1.6	14.5	32.6
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	16.4	1.4	16.4	(0.1)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	13.7	1.1	11.2	22.7
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	13.3	1.1	15.1	(11.7)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	12.2	1.0	9.1	34.0
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	4.5	0.4	7.1	(36.9)
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	3.0	0.2	2.1	45.3
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	2.0	0.2	0.8	135.9
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.4	0.0	0.1	347.9
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.0	0.0	(87.5)
	<b>Total Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>1,212.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>1,139.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>
	<b>Non-Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>7,054.5</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>6,978.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>8,267.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,118.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>



### Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food & Beverages imports by Chapter – May 2024



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

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

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	117.8	42.0
100199	Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed	95.8	34.1
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	37.1	13.2
100790	Other grain sorghum	17.3	6.2
100640	Broken rice	12.6	4.5
	<b>Other</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>280.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>



b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
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	44.0	27.9
220300	Beer made from malt	32.0	20.2
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	28.2	17.9
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	23.4	14.8
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less:: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine	7.3	4.6
220830	Whiskies	5.0	3.1
220870	Liqueurs and cordials:: In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	3.5	2.2
220429	Other:: Unfortified wine:: Fortified wine	3.4	2.2
220890	Other:: In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	2.7	1.7
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	2.0	1.3
220850	Gin and Geneva	1.7	1.1
220900	Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid	1.0	0.6
	<b>Other</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>157.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Period \ HS	10	22	17	19	21	20	23	04	15	09	08	02	11	07	12	16	18	Other	Total
January_2023	187.5	167.3	64.2	65.8	53.0	78.1	47.5	49.8	31.7	17.3	41.5	9.8	12.5	11.7	14.8	32.8	4.5	5.7	895.3
February	176.7	381.9	158.9	79.4	73.3	72.4	47.4	51.9	40.8	31.0	39.3	10.2	12.1	13.8	8.9	23.5	11.6	7.8	1,241.0
March	174.6	382.1	71.9	85.7	71.5	89.5	64.1	53.3	48.4	34.9	44.2	7.7	12.7	19.6	8.9	17.9	11.3	9.2	1,207.4
<b>Q1</b>	<b>538.8</b>	<b>931.4</b>	<b>295.0</b>	<b>230.9</b>	<b>197.8</b>	<b>240.0</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>155.0</b>	<b>120.9</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>3,343.8</b>
April	138.7	374.9	60.1	80.5	66.6	61.9	45.4	56.4	47.4	33.7	33.3	10.0	13.9	17.0	6.7	16.2	11.5	9.4	1,083.7
May	180.9	160.5	88.6	92.0	72.0	82.6	53.8	55.0	67.9	30.0	28.5	10.9	10.6	21.5	6.8	15.9	10.4	9.1	997.0
June	237.8	185.5	110.0	93.6	79.5	71.6	66.8	58.0	64.6	43.9	33.3	12.4	12.5	19.5	10.5	16.5	11.1	4.9	1,132.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>557.3</b>	<b>720.9</b>	<b>258.7</b>	<b>266.1</b>	<b>218.1</b>	<b>216.2</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>169.4</b>	<b>179.9</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>3,212.8</b>
July	195.8	198.1	88.7	95.3	71.4	90.9	51.4	61.8	61.9	43.7	32.8	7.6	11.6	12.0	8.6	19.4	8.2	5.6	1,064.9
August	165.5	336.6	110.2	89.0	74.7	88.0	64.7	64.5	72.5	40.0	35.5	9.6	14.8	13.2	13.0	24.0	13.1	11.9	1,240.8
September	161.2	463.8	60.4	84.7	100.3	84.0	59.7	64.8	70.2	41.9	37.6	15.0	14.5	14.2	15.6	12.0	16.5	8.0	1,324.4
<b>Q3</b>	<b>522.5</b>	<b>998.6</b>	<b>259.3</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>246.4</b>	<b>263.0</b>	<b>175.8</b>	<b>191.2</b>	<b>204.6</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>3,630.1</b>
October	188.3	485.3	107.9	89.5	87.8	111.7	66.9	66.6	70.6	34.5	40.5	11.6	13.9	12.6	25.0	21.4	11.8	12.1	1,458.1
November	162.0	456.8	96.4	92.1	101.3	129.1	71.5	64.7	74.8	33.6	41.5	7.7	13.9	11.1	14.6	25.1	8.0	9.9	1,414.1
December	147.9	231.9	79.6	77.6	81.4	90.8	59.3	54.8	58.8	21.5	40.2	7.5	15.1	9.8	11.5	17.5	7.4	8.1	1,020.6
<b>Q4</b>	<b>498.3</b>	<b>1,174.0</b>	<b>283.9</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>270.5</b>	<b>331.6</b>	<b>197.7</b>	<b>186.1</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>3,892.8</b>
<b>Total_2023</b>	<b>2,116.9</b>	<b>3,824.9</b>	<b>1,096.9</b>	<b>1,025.3</b>	<b>932.8</b>	<b>1,050.8</b>	<b>698.5</b>	<b>701.6</b>	<b>709.5</b>	<b>406.0</b>	<b>448.3</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>158.0</b>	<b>176.0</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>242.2</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>14,079.5</b>
January_2024	233.4	188.6	92.6	77.7	95.2	101.7	59.6	62.7	32.7	34.5	46.4	10.2	13.4	13.1	12.0	13.7	8.6	5.5	1,101.6
February	237.5	188.4	77.8	91.6	75.3	92.9	55.3	57.8	60.8	31.2	42.3	6.3	15.3	11.4	10.0	23.2	13.5	11.3	1,102.0
March	262.0	168.0	85.9	74.4	79.4	96.0	54.1	66.2	52.6	30.0	47.7	13.0	15.6	14.0	9.3	23.6	9.3	4.7	1,105.8
<b>Q1</b>	<b>732.8</b>	<b>545.1</b>	<b>256.3</b>	<b>243.8</b>	<b>249.8</b>	<b>290.6</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>186.7</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>3,309.4</b>
April	183.6	224.9	83.6	111.1	75.7	110.9	63.2	59.3	56.8	34.8	44.1	14.9	14.5	16.4	11.2	15.1	9.1	10.1	1,139.4
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<b>Contribution%</b>																			
<b>Apr_2024</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>May_2024</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>



## Annex 1: Chapters and Descriptions

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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
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