

BOTSWANA FOOD IMPORTS

February 2024

Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 7,260.2 million** during the month of February 2024. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P 1,094.7 million, representing 15.1 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) accounted for 21.6 percent and 17.0 percent of food & beverages imports respectively. Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Chapter 20) followed with a contribution of 8.5 percent.

Among Cereals imports, the most prominent commodity was Other maize (corn) accounting for 35.6 percent followed by Other grain sorghum with a contribution of 23.3 percent.

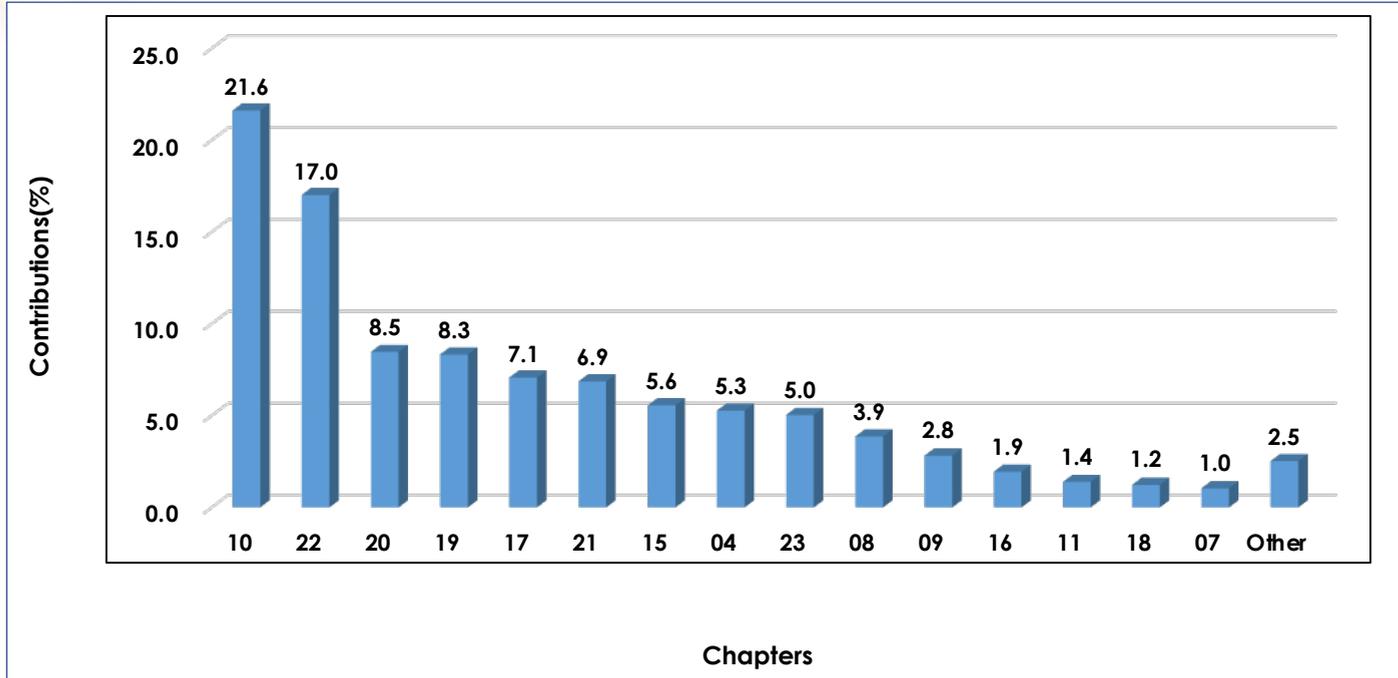
Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages, and Beer made from malt made contributions of 30.3 percent and 28.5 percent respectively, to chapter 22.

Table1: Botswana Food & Beverages (excluding live animals) imports – February 2024 and January 2024
(Million Pula)

HS	Description	February	% Contribution	January	% Change
10	Cereals	236.6	21.6	232.6	1.7
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	186.3	17.0	188.6	(1.3)
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	92.7	8.5	101.7	(8.9)
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	91.1	8.3	77.7	17.3
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	77.4	7.1	92.6	(16.4)
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	75.1	6.9	95.1	(21.1)
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	60.8	5.6	32.7	86.1
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	57.7	5.3	62.7	(8.0)
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	55.1	5.0	59.6	(7.5)
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	42.3	3.9	46.4	(8.9)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	30.9	2.8	34.5	(10.5)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	21.3	1.9	13.7	54.6
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	15.2	1.4	13.4	13.8
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	13.4	1.2	8.6	56.2
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	11.3	1.0	13.1	(13.4)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	9.9	0.9	12.0	(17.4)
02	Meat and edible meat offal	6.3	0.6	10.2	(38.1)
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	5.7	0.5	2.7	113.6
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	3.6	0.3	2.0	77.3
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	2.0	0.2	0.8	154.6
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.0	0.0	(8.0)
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included		0.0	0.0	(100.0)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,094.7	100.0	1,100.7	(0.5)
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	6,165.5		6,599.6	(6.6)
	Total Imports	7,260.2		7,700.3	(5.7)



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



Note: 'Other' combine Chapters 02, 03, 05, 06, 12, 13 & 14

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two food Imports – February 2024 (Million Pula)

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	84.3	35.6
100790	Other grain sorghum	55.2	23.3
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	44.5	18.8
100199	Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed	39.7	16.8
100640	Broken rice	12.7	5.4
	Other	0.2	0.1
	Total	236.6	100.0



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 & non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included	56.5	30.3
220300	Beer made from malt:	53.0	28.5
220299	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)	31.4	16.8
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	15.4	8.2
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less:: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	6.5	3.5
220422	Wine In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	5.4	2.9
220830	Whiskies:	4.9	2.6
220870	Liqueurs and cordials:: In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	2.9	1.6
220850	Gin and Geneva:	2.5	1.3
220429	Other:: Unfortified wine:: Fortified wine:	1.8	1.0
	Other	5.9	3.2
	Total	186.3	100.0

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

Period \ HS	10	22	20	19	17	21	15	04	23	08	09	16	11	18	07	Other	Total
January_2023	187.5	167.3	78.1	65.8	64.2	53.0	31.7	49.8	47.5	41.5	17.3	32.8	12.5	4.5	11.7	30.3	895.3
February	176.7	381.9	72.4	79.4	158.9	73.3	40.8	51.9	47.4	39.3	31.0	23.5	12.1	11.6	13.8	26.9	1,241.0
March	174.6	382.1	89.5	85.7	71.9	71.5	48.4	53.3	64.1	44.2	34.9	17.9	12.7	11.3	19.6	25.8	1,207.4
Q1	538.8	931.4	240.0	230.9	295.0	197.8	120.9	155.0	159.0	125.1	83.2	74.2	37.2	27.4	45.2	82.9	3,343.8
April	138.7	374.9	61.9	80.5	60.1	66.6	47.4	56.3	45.4	33.3	33.7	16.2	13.9	11.5	17.0	26.0	1,083.7
May	180.9	160.5	82.6	92.0	88.6	72.0	67.9	55.0	53.8	28.5	30.0	15.9	10.6	10.4	21.5	26.8	997.0
June	237.8	185.5	71.6	93.6	110.0	79.5	64.6	58.0	66.8	33.3	43.9	16.5	12.5	11.1	19.5	27.8	1,132.1
Q2	557.3	720.9	216.2	266.1	258.7	218.1	179.9	169.4	166.1	95.1	107.6	48.7	37.1	33.0	58.0	80.7	3,212.7
July	195.8	198.1	90.9	95.3	88.7	71.4	61.9	61.8	51.4	32.8	43.7	19.4	11.6	8.2	12.0	21.8	1,064.9
August	165.5	336.6	88.0	89.0	110.2	74.7	72.5	64.5	64.7	35.5	40.0	24.0	14.8	13.1	13.2	34.5	1,240.8
September	161.2	445.0	84.0	84.7	60.4	100.3	70.2	64.8	59.7	37.6	41.9	12.0	14.5	16.5	14.2	38.6	1,305.6
Q3	522.5	979.7	263.0	269.1	259.3	246.4	204.6	191.2	175.8	105.9	125.6	55.3	40.9	37.9	39.3	95.0	3,611.2
October	188.3	485.3	111.7	89.5	107.9	87.8	70.6	66.6	66.9	40.5	34.5	21.4	13.9	11.8	12.6	48.7	1,458.0
November	161.9	456.8	129.1	92.1	96.4	101.3	74.8	64.7	71.5	41.5	33.6	25.1	13.9	8.0	11.1	32.2	1,414.0
December	147.9	231.9	90.5	77.6	79.6	81.4	58.8	54.8	59.3	40.2	21.5	17.5	15.1	7.4	9.8	27.0	1,020.3
Q4	498.1	1,174.0	331.4	259.2	283.9	270.5	204.2	186.1	197.7	122.2	89.7	64.0	42.9	27.2	33.5	107.9	3,892.3
Total_2023	2,116.8	3,806.0	1,050.5	1,025.3	1,096.9	932.7	709.5	701.6	698.5	448.2	406.0	242.2	158.0	125.4	175.9	366.4	14,060.0
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Contribution%																	
Jan_2024	21.1	17.1	9.2	7.1	8.4	8.6	3.0	5.7	5.4	4.2	3.1	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.2	2.5	100.0
Feb_2024	21.6	17.0	8.5	8.3	7.1	6.9	5.6	5.3	5.0	3.9	2.8	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.0	2.5	100.0



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