

Botswana Food & Beverage Imports

July 2026

Botswana received imports worth **P7, 064.4 million** in July 2026. In this amount, Food & Beverages imports amounted to **P1, 111.9 million**, accounting for **15.7 percent** of total imports. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) and Cereals (Chapter 10) were the top imported chapters among Food & Beverages imports with contribution of **15.8 percent** and **15.4 percent**, respectively.

During July 2026, Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar was the most dominant commodity imported. In this chapter (22), the major food products imported were Beer made from malt (HS220300) and Other fermented beverages, (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages & mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverage (HS220600) with contributions of 40.1 percent and 20.6 percent. Waters, including minerals waters and aerated waters (HS 220210) and other waters (HS220299) followed with a contribution of 9.8 percent and 9.0 percent in that order.

Among the Cereals imports, the most prominent commodity was Other maize (corn) (HS100590), accounting for 47.5 percent. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (HS100630) and Other wheat, other than durum wheat (HS100199) followed with contributions of 33.0 percent and 10.9 percent respectively.

Table1: Botswana Food (excluding live animals) imports – June and July 2026 (Million Pula)

HS Code	Description	July_2026	% Contribution	June_2026	Change	% Change
22	Beverages	175.3	15.8	139.0	36.3	26.1
10	Cereals	171.2	15.4	184.9	(13.7)	(7.4)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	107.5	9.7	104.5	3.0	2.8
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	95.9	8.6	84.6	11.3	13.3
19	Preparations of cereals	91.7	8.2	108.3	(16.6)	(15.4)
20	Preparations of vegetables	83.4	7.5	71.9	11.6	16.1
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	79.6	7.2	111.9	(32.3)	(28.8)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin	75.6	6.8	58.4	17.2	29.5
23	Food industries	50.6	4.6	47.5	3.2	6.7
09	Coffee	50.2	4.5	51.3	(1.1)	(2.2)
08	Fruit and nuts	30.6	2.8	27.2	3.4	12.4
11	Products of the milling industry; malt	20.9	1.9	16.7	4.2	25.3
02	Meat and edible meat offal	18.5	1.7	19.9	(1.3)	(6.7)
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	16.0	1.4	19.7	(3.7)	(19.0)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	15.7	1.4	11.3	4.4	39.1
	Other	29.1	2.6	37.3	(8.2)	(22.0)
	Total Food & Beverages Imports	1,111.9	15.7	1,094.3	17.6	1.6
	Non-Food & Beverages Imports	5,952.6	84.3	6,452.7	(500.2)	(7.8)
	Total Imports	7,064.4		7,547.0	(482.6)	(6.4)

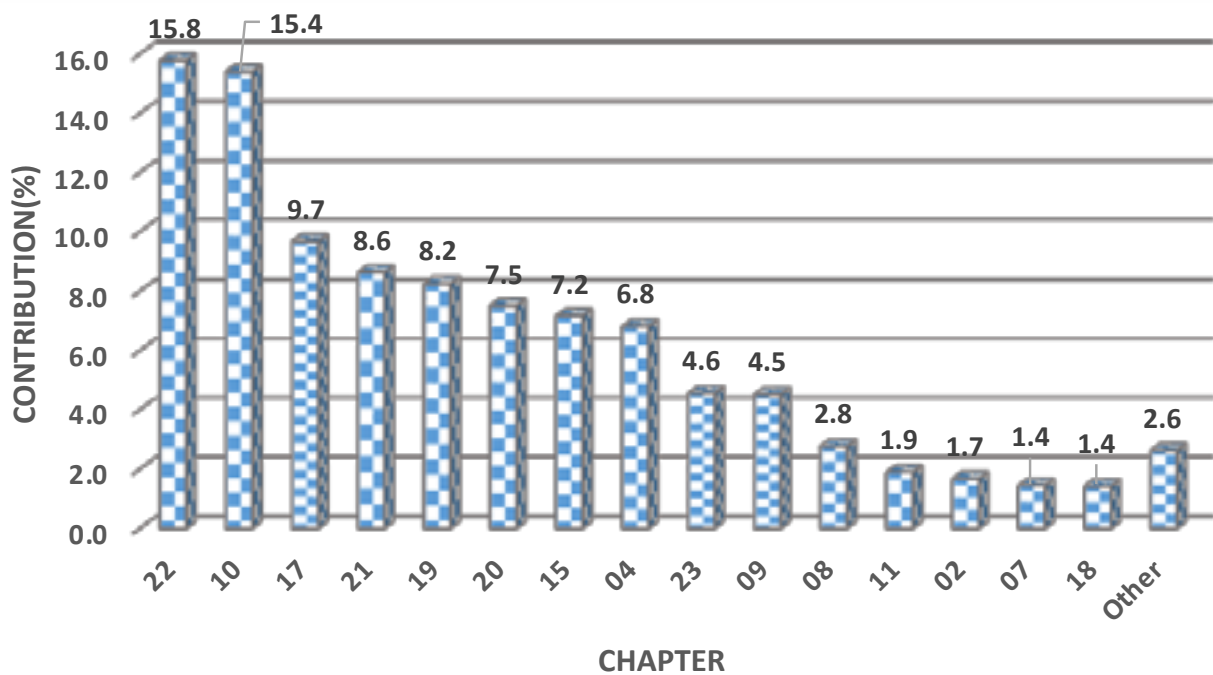
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Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter – July 2026



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Table 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports – July 2026

a) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	70.4	40.1
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	36.2	20.6
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing addedsugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	17.2	9.8
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	15.8	9.0
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	14.2	8.1
220850	Gin and Geneva	5.8	3.3
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	3.5	2.0
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	3.1	1.8
220830	Whiskies	2.3	1.3
	Other	7.0	4.0
	Total	175.3	100.0

Note: NES=Not Elsewhere Specified

b) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula	% Contribution
100590	Other maize (corn)	81.2	47.5
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	56.4	33.0
100199	Other wheat, other than durum wheat	18.7	10.9
100790	Other grain sorghum	7.5	4.4
100510		6.0	3.5
	Other	1.3	0.8
	Total	171.2	100.0



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Table 3: Botswana Food & Beverages Imports (Excluding Live Animals) – January 2025 to July 2026 (Million' Pula)

Period \ HS	22	10	17	21	19	20	15	04	23	09	08	11	02	07	18	Other	Total
Jan_2025	221.6	187.3	101.3	77.7	93.6	83.2	64.1	64.3	58.2	19.9	48.6	15.5	11.3	11.0	12.5	27.6	1,097.7
Feb	256.5	243.3	94.8	88.3	94.9	94.7	47.5	64.8	54.3	45.9	51.1	18.0	17.3	12.5	13.5	45.3	1,242.6
Mar	160.0	262.8	107.7	90.1	104.0	95.6	49.3	74.3	57.9	37.8	49.0	31.2	14.3	19.7	15.4	45.3	1,214.5
Q1	638.1	693.4	303.9		292.5	273.4	160.8	203.4	170.4	103.6	148.6	64.8	43.0	43.2	41.4	118.2	3,298.7
Apr	129.5	200.7	88.1	76.8	97.4	95.0	54.7	56.9	45.7	25.5	38.3	16.2	21.7	36.3	12.6	58.7	1,054.2
May	168.5	216.5	99.5	112.7	112.3	110.5	78.3	66.3	68.5	48.4	37.8	14.7	16.8	31.5	15.8	63.5	1,261.6
Jun	166.7	167.9	111.9	84.5	107.0	89.3	76.0	62.0	52.7	45.5	28.0	13.9	15.6	16.2	17.3	35.6	1,090.1
Q2	464.7	585.2	299.5		316.7	294.8	209.0	185.2	166.9	119.3	104.2	44.9	54.1	83.9	45.7	157.8	3,405.8
Jul	148.0	143.1	79.9	82.8	98.5	86.9	82.2	63.3	55.8	39.0	26.4	13.6	23.0	15.9	16.2	35.5	1,010.0
Aug	184.5	196.2	119.0	93.5	110.2	98.3	83.8	77.7	68.7	44.2	37.9	14.2	16.3	18.3	14.4	39.9	1,217.2
Sep	238.3	179.0	115.8	85.8	102.4	100.2	66.2	64.9	60.1	32.8	37.6	17.2	21.5	13.1	9.7	34.5	1,179.0
Q3	570.7	518.3	314.7		311.1	285.3	232.3	205.9	184.7	116.0	101.8	45.0	60.8	47.3	40.3	109.9	3,406.2
Oct	206.8	164.1	87.4	128.3	91.8	98.9	71.9	75.0	74.6	44.4	45.3	16.7	22.6	10.5	13.0	54.6	1,205.8
Nov	247.5	205.8	97.3	120.2	128.7	103.2	90.1	74.1	61.2	41.2	44.6	17.5	21.8	7.7	11.7	42.0	1,314.6
Dec	188.5	190.9	91.4	93.8	82.4	78.6	65.4	59.6	60.9	35.1	45.3	16.2	19.2	13.0	6.2	43.2	1,089.5
Q4	642.8	560.7	276.1		302.8	280.7	227.3	208.8	196.7	120.6	135.1	50.5	63.6	31.2	30.9	139.8	3,609.9
Total_2025	2,316.3	2,357.6	1,194.2	1,134.4	1,223.1	1,134.2	829.5	803.2	718.7	459.5	489.8	205.1	221.4	205.6	158.3	525.8	13,976.8
Jan_2026	181.7	395.0	91.9	95.3	78.1	87.8	58.1	62.0	56.6	28.0	45.4	12.2	15.7	12.2	9.6	31.8	1,261.5
Feb	201.5	150.4	77.6	100.0	81.2	72.3	62.3	60.1	53.3	37.0	41.5	16.8	15.0	24.0	13.5	32.1	1,038.5
Mar	98.7	116.0	54.8	64.0	53.0	41.1	42.8	35.0	30.1	21.3	22.8	8.2	9.4	19.9	6.9	26.3	650.5
Q1	481.9	661.3	224.3		212.4	201.3	163.2	157.1	140.1	86.3	109.7	37.2	40.1	56.0	30.1	90.3	2,950.5
Apr	125.7	142.7	60.9	89.4	89.4	61.1	62.4	58.4	48.8	30.9	35.3	14.4	8.6	37.9	8.2	42.7	916.8
May	153.0	248.3	86.6	95.6	93.5	76.2	62.8	59.3	51.8	42.1	28.0	14.7	18.8	27.1	13.4	30.4	1,101.5
Jun	139.0	184.9	104.5	84.6	108.3	71.9	111.9	58.4	47.5	51.3	27.2	16.7	19.9	19.7	11.3	37.3	1,094.3
Q2	417.7	575.9	252.0		291.2	209.2	237.1	176.0	148.1	124.3	90.6	45.8	47.2	84.7	32.8	110.4	3,112.6
Jul	175.3	171.2	107.5	95.9	91.7	83.4	79.6	75.6	50.6	50.2	30.6	20.9	18.5	16.0	15.7	29.1	1,111.9
% Contribution																	
Jun_2026	12.7	16.9	9.6	7.7	9.9	6.6	10.2	5.3	4.3	4.7	2.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.0	3.4	100.0
Jul_2026	15.8	15.4	9.7	8.6	8.2	7.5	7.2	6.8	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.4	2.6	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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