

# BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

## June 2024

In June 2024, Botswana's total imports were valued at **P 8, 147.2 million**. In this amount, Food & beverages imports amounted to P 1, 111.1 million, representing 13.6 percent of total imports. Cereals (Chapter 10) and Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) accounted for 16.6 percent and 14.9 percent of Food & beverages imports respectively. Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastry cooks' products (Chapter 19) followed with a contribution of 9.7 percent.

Among the Cereals imports, the most prominent commodity was Other Maize (corn) accounting for 48.3 percent followed by Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed with a contribution of 24.8 percent.

Regarding Beverages, spirits & vinegar, Beer made from malt and Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages, mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages made contributions of 34.8 percent and 25.2 percent to chapter 22 respectively.

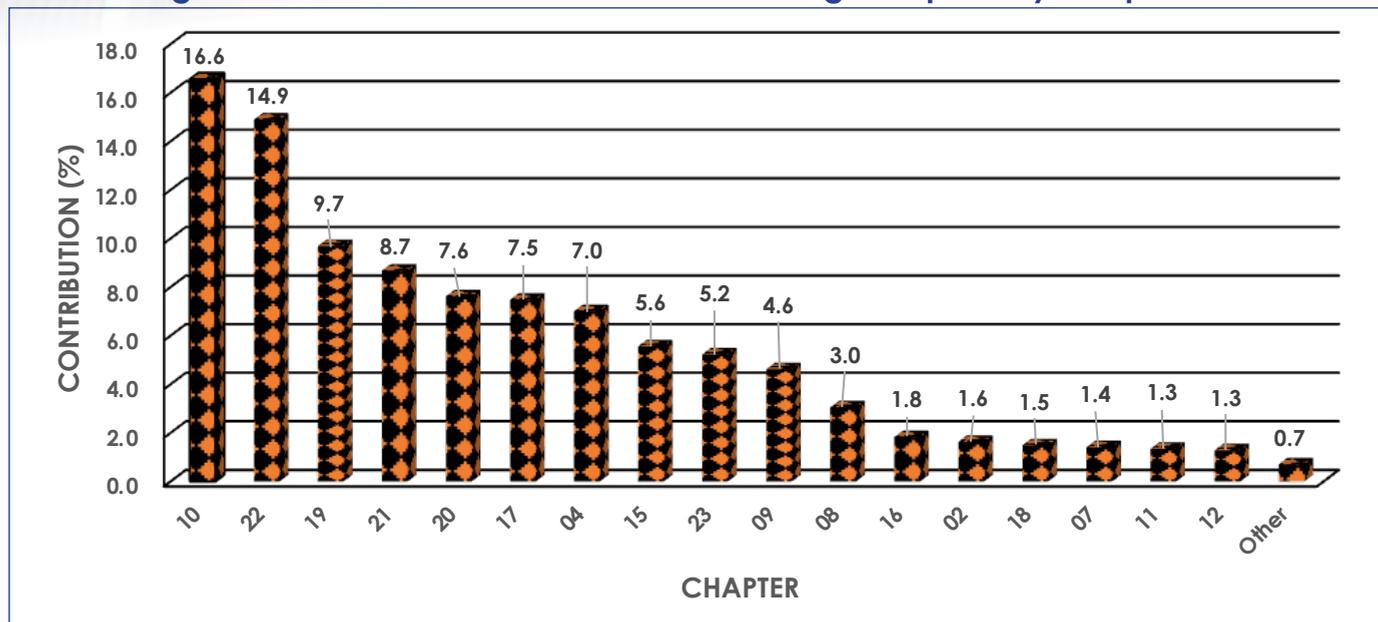
**Table1: Botswana Food & Beverages (excluding live animals) imports – June 2024 and May 2024  
(Million' Pula)**

HS	Description	June	% Contribution	May	% Change
10	Cereals	183.9	16.6	281.0	(34.6)
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	165.4	14.9	158.3	4.5
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	107.7	9.7	101.2	6.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	96.4	8.7	92.0	4.8
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	84.6	7.6	91.0	(7.1)
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	83.1	7.5	108.4	(23.4)
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	77.8	7.0	66.4	17.1
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	61.8	5.6	58.9	4.9
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	58.0	5.2	70.0	(17.1)
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	51.2	4.6	43.8	17.0
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	33.9	3.0	36.1	(6.3)
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	20.2	1.8	17.5	15.6
02	Meat and edible meat offal	18.1	1.6	22.7	(20.2)
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	16.5	1.5	12.2	35.3
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	15.6	1.4	16.4	(4.9)
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	14.9	1.3	19.2	(22.2)
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	14.2	1.3	14.4	(1.5)
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	3.1	0.3	2.0	52.7
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	2.8	0.3	4.5	(36.7)
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1.8	0.2	3.0	(38.6)
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.0	0.4	(93.2)
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.0	0.0	870.4
	<b>Total Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>1,111.1</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>1,219.5</b>	<b>(8.9)</b>
	<b>Non-Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>7,036.0</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>7,226.2</b>	<b>(2.6)</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>8,147.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,445.7</b>	<b>(3.5)</b>



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



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

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

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	88.7	48.3
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	45.6	24.8
100790	Other grain sorghum	22.2	12.1
100199	Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat, other than seed	18.2	9.9
100640	Broken rice	6.9	3.7
	<b>Other</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>183.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt	57.5	34.8
220600	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead, sake), mixtures of fermented beverages, mixtures of fermented beverages & non-alcoholic beverages	41.7	25.2
220299	Other waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured & other non-alcoholic beverages, (excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices )	17.1	10.3
220210	Waters, including mineral waters & aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	10.5	6.3
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less;; Unfortified wine / Fortified wine	9.1	5.5
220429	Other unfortified /Fortified wine	5.5	3.3
220850	Gin and Geneva	4.3	2.6
220830	Whiskies	4.3	2.6
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other	3.9	2.4
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	3.2	2.0
	<b>Other</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>165.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Period \ HS	10	22	19	21	20	17	04	15	23	09	08	16	02	18	07	11	12	Other	Total
Jan_2023	187.5	167.3	65.8	53.0	78.1	64.2	49.8	31.7	47.5	17.3	41.5	32.8	9.8	4.5	11.7	12.5	14.8	5.7	895.3
Feb	176.7	381.9	79.4	73.3	72.4	158.9	51.9	40.8	47.4	31.0	39.3	23.5	10.2	11.6	13.8	12.1	8.9	7.8	1,241.0
Mar	174.6	382.1	85.7	71.5	89.5	71.9	53.3	48.4	64.1	34.9	44.2	17.9	7.7	11.3	19.6	12.7	8.9	9.2	1,207.4
<b>Q1</b>	<b>538.8</b>	<b>931.4</b>	<b>230.9</b>	<b>197.8</b>	<b>240.0</b>	<b>295.0</b>	<b>155.0</b>	<b>120.9</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>3,343.8</b>
Apr	138.7	374.9	80.5	66.6	61.9	60.1	56.4	47.4	45.4	33.7	33.3	16.2	10.0	11.5	17.0	13.9	6.7	9.4	1,083.7
May	180.9	160.5	92.0	72.0	82.6	88.6	55.0	67.9	53.8	30.0	28.5	15.9	10.9	10.4	21.5	10.6	6.8	9.1	997.0
Jun	237.8	185.5	93.6	79.5	71.6	110.0	58.0	64.6	66.8	43.9	33.3	16.5	12.4	11.1	19.5	12.5	10.5	4.9	1,132.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>557.3</b>	<b>720.9</b>	<b>266.1</b>	<b>218.1</b>	<b>216.2</b>	<b>258.7</b>	<b>169.4</b>	<b>179.9</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>3,212.8</b>
Jul	195.8	198.1	95.3	71.4	90.9	88.7	61.8	61.9	51.4	43.7	32.8	19.4	7.6	8.2	12.0	11.6	8.6	5.6	1,064.9
Aug	165.5	336.6	89.0	74.7	88.0	110.2	64.5	72.5	64.7	40.0	35.5	24.0	9.6	13.1	13.2	14.8	13.0	11.9	1,240.8
Sep	161.2	463.8	84.7	100.3	84.0	60.4	64.8	70.2	59.7	41.9	37.6	12.0	15.0	16.5	14.2	14.5	15.6	8.0	1,324.4
<b>Q3</b>	<b>522.5</b>	<b>998.6</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>246.4</b>	<b>263.0</b>	<b>259.3</b>	<b>191.2</b>	<b>204.6</b>	<b>175.8</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>3,630.1</b>
Oct	188.3	485.3	89.5	87.8	111.7	107.9	66.6	70.6	66.9	34.5	40.5	21.4	11.6	11.8	12.6	13.9	25.0	12.1	1,458.1
Nov	162.0	456.9	92.1	101.3	129.1	96.4	64.7	74.8	71.5	33.6	41.5	25.1	7.7	8.0	11.1	13.9	14.6	9.9	1,414.2
Dec	147.9	231.9	77.6	81.4	90.8	79.6	54.8	58.8	59.3	21.5	40.2	17.5	7.5	7.4	9.8	15.1	11.5	8.1	1,020.6
<b>Q4</b>	<b>498.3</b>	<b>1,174.1</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>270.5</b>	<b>331.6</b>	<b>283.9</b>	<b>186.1</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>197.7</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>51.0</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>1,025.3</b>	<b>932.8</b>		<b>1,096.9</b>	<b>701.6</b>	<b>709.5</b>	<b>698.5</b>	<b>406.0</b>	<b>448.3</b>	<b>242.2</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>176.0</b>	<b>158.0</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>14,079.5</b>
Jan_2024	233.4	188.6	77.7	95.2	101.7	92.6	62.7	32.7	59.6	34.5	46.4	13.7	10.2	8.6	13.1	13.4	12.0	5.5	1,101.6
Feb	237.5	188.4	91.6	75.3	92.9	77.8	57.8	60.8	55.3	31.2	42.3	23.2	6.3	13.5	11.4	15.3	10.0	11.3	1,102.0
Mar	262.0	168.0	74.4	79.4	96.0	85.9	66.2	52.6	54.1	30.0	47.7	23.6	13.0	9.3	14.0	15.6	9.3	4.7	1,105.8
<b>Q1</b>	<b>732.8</b>	<b>545.1</b>	<b>243.8</b>	<b>249.8</b>	<b>290.6</b>	<b>256.3</b>	<b>186.7</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>3,309.4</b>
Apr	183.6	224.9	111.1	75.7	110.9	83.6	59.3	56.8	63.2	34.8	44.1	15.1	14.9	9.1	16.4	14.5	11.2	10.1	1,139.4
May	281.0	158.3	101.2	92.0	91.0	108.4	66.4	58.9	70.0	43.8	36.1	17.5	22.7	12.2	16.4	19.2	14.4	9.9	1,219.5
Jun	183.9	165.4	107.7	96.4	84.6	83.1	77.8	61.8	58.0	51.2	33.9	20.2	18.1	16.5	15.6	14.9	14.2	7.8	1,111.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>648.5</b>	<b>548.6</b>	<b>320.0</b>	<b>264.1</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>275.1</b>	<b>203.6</b>	<b>177.4</b>	<b>191.3</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>3,470.0</b>
<b>% Contribution</b>																			
<b>May_2024</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>June_2024</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>



## 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, 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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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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