

# BOTSWANA FOOD & BEVERAGES IMPORTS

## September 2024



Botswana's total imports were valued at P7, 865.1 million during September 2024. In this amount, food and beverages imports amounted to P 1, 192.6 million, representing 15.2 percent of total imports. Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar (Chapter 22) and Cereals (Chapter 10) accounted for 18.3 percent and 13.7 percent of food & beverages imports in that order. Miscellaneous edible preparations (Chapter 21) followed with a contribution of 9.2 percent.

During September 2024, Beverages, spirits & vinegar were the dominant commodity imported. Among Beverages, spirits & vinegar, the 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 were leading with contributions of 30.9 percent and 21.0 percent in chapter 22. Other waters, including mineral waters aerated, containing added sugar or flavored & non-alcoholic beverages(excluding fruit, nut or vegetable juices) and Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored followed with contributions of 16.6 percent and 9.2 percent to chapter 22 respectively.

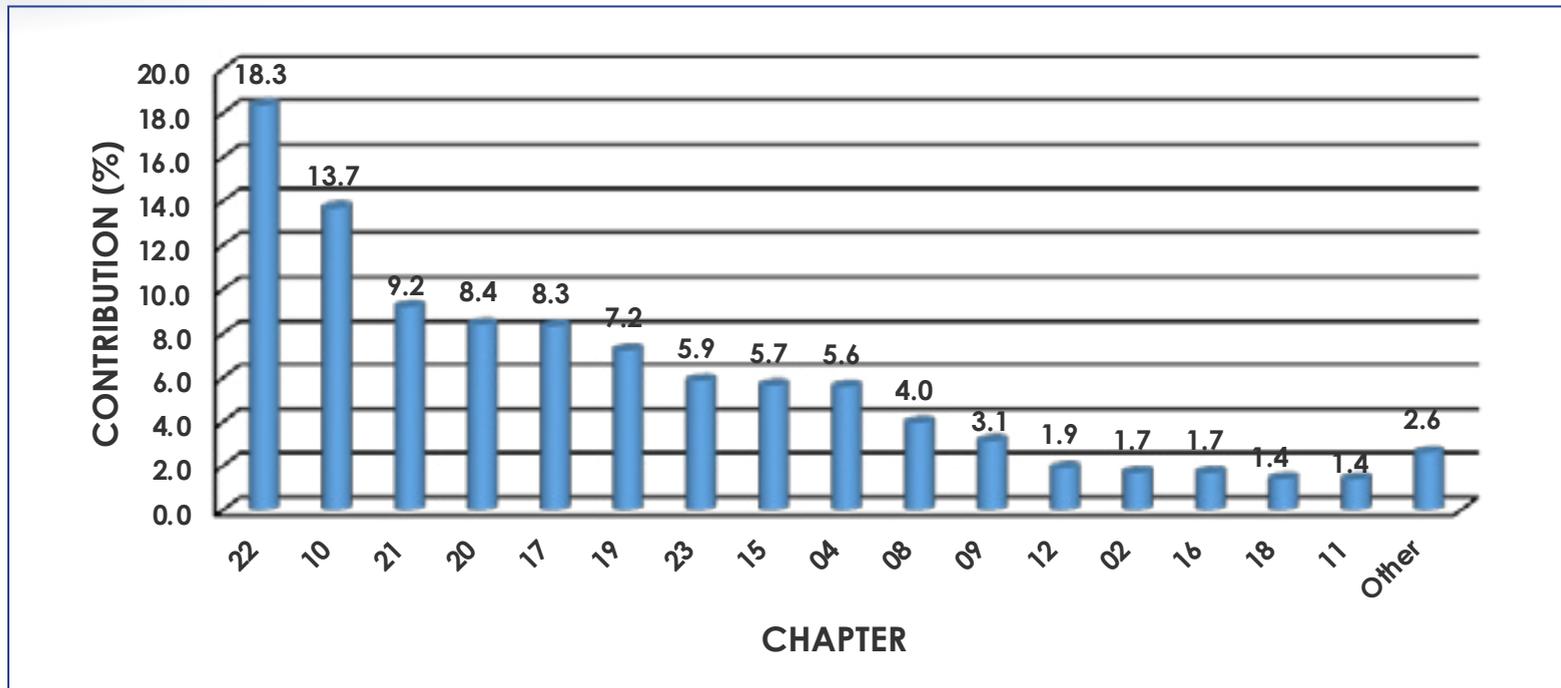
Among the Cereals imports, the most prominent commodity was Other Maize (corn) accounting for 49.7 percent. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed and Other Wheat and muslin, not durum wheat other than seed followed with a contribution of 30.8 percent and 6.9 percent respectively.

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

HS	Description	September	% Contribution	August	% Change
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	218.8	18.3	219.2	16.6
10	Cereals	163.1	13.7	258.2	19.5
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	109.7	9.2	94.3	7.1
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants	100.3	8.4	100.7	7.6
17	Sugars and sugar confectionery	99.3	8.3	123.4	9.3
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	86.2	7.2	101.4	7.7
23	Food industries, residues and wastes thereof; prepared animal fodder	69.8	5.9	76.8	5.8
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared animal fats; animal or vegetable waxes	67.4	5.7	67.4	5.1
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	66.6	5.6	71.8	5.4
08	Fruit and nuts, edible; peel of citrus fruit or melons	47.2	4.0	41.0	3.1
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	37.2	3.1	50.8	3.8
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	22.5	1.9	19.0	1.4
02	Meat and edible meat offal	20.0	1.7	20.7	1.6
16	Meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; preparations thereof	19.9	1.7	20.8	1.6
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	16.6	1.4	15.1	1.1
11	Products of the milling industry; malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten	16.3	1.4	13.6	1.0
07	Vegetables and certain roots and tubers; edible	9.7	0.8	12.9	1.0
05	Animal originated products; not elsewhere specified or included	9.4	0.8	3.3	0.3
03	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	8.7	0.7	8.2	0.6
06	Trees and other plants, live; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	3.6	0.3	2.4	0.2
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
14	Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	<b>Total Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>1,192.6</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>1,321.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>
	<b>Non-Food &amp; Beverages Imports</b>	<b>6,672.5</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>7,409.3</b>	<b>84.9</b>
	<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>7,865.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,730.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>



## Percentage Distribution of Botswana Food imports by Chapter –September 2024



Note: 'Others' combine Chapters 03, 05, 06, 07, 13 & 14

Table 2: Breakdown of the top two Food & Beverages Imports – September 2024

b) Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
220300	Beer made from malt:	67.6	30.9
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	45.8	21.0
220299	Other waters, including mineral waters \$ aerated , cointaing added sugar or flavoured & non-alcoholic beverages(excluding fruit,nut or vegeable juices)	36.3	16.6
220210	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured:	20.1	9.2
220421	In containers holding 2 li or less:: Unfortified wine: / Fortified wine:	12.8	5.9
220422	In containers holding more than 2 li but not more than 10 li	6.3	2.9
220870	Liqueurs and cordials;; In containers holding 2 li or less: / Other:	5.8	2.6
220820	Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc:	4.6	2.1
	Other	19.5	8.9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>218.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>

a) Cereals			
HS Code	Description	BW Pula (Million)	% Contribution
100590	Other Maize (corn)	81.1	49.7
100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	50.2	30.8
100199	Other Wheat and muslin, not Durum Wheat pther than seed	11.3	6.9
100610	Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)	8.0	4.9
100790	Other grain Sorghum	7.7	4.7
	Other	4.9	3.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Period \ HS	22	10	21	20	17	19	23	15	4	8	9	12	2	16	18	Other	Total
Jan_2023	167.3	187.5	53.0	78.1	9.8	65.8	47.5	32.8	0.2	17.3	12.5	0.0	3.7	64.2	4.5	151.3	895.3
Feb	381.9	176.7	73.3	72.4	10.2	79.4	47.4	23.5	1.3	31.0	12.1	0.0	3.5	158.9	11.6	157.8	1,241.0
Mar	382.1	174.6	71.5	89.5	7.7	85.7	64.1	17.9	2.1	34.9	12.7	0.0	4.4	71.9	11.3	177.1	1,207.4
<b>Q1</b>	<b>931.4</b>	<b>538.8</b>	<b>197.8</b>	<b>240.0</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>230.9</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>295.0</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>486.2</b>	<b>3,343.8</b>
Apr	374.9	138.7	66.6	61.9	10.0	80.5	45.4	16.2	0.6	33.7	13.9	0.0	6.6	60.1	11.5	162.9	1,083.7
May	160.5	180.9	72.0	82.6	10.9	92.0	53.8	15.9	2.5	30.0	10.6	0.0	4.1	88.6	10.4	182.2	997.0
Jun	185.5	237.8	79.5	71.6	12.4	93.6	66.8	16.5	0.6	43.9	12.5	0.1	2.4	110.0	11.1	187.8	1,132.1
<b>Q2</b>	<b>720.9</b>	<b>557.3</b>	<b>218.1</b>	<b>216.2</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>266.1</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>258.7</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>532.9</b>	<b>3,212.8</b>
Jul	198.1	195.8	71.4	90.9	7.6	95.3	51.4	19.4	1.4	43.7	11.6	0.0	2.1	88.7	8.2	179.1	1,064.9
Aug	336.6	165.5	74.7	88.0	9.6	89.0	64.7	24.0	1.9	40.0	14.8	0.0	8.0	110.2	13.1	200.7	1,240.8
Sep	463.8	161.2	100.3	84.0	15.0	84.7	59.7	12.0	1.2	41.9	14.5	0.0	4.2	60.4	16.5	205.0	1,324.4
<b>Q3</b>	<b>998.6</b>	<b>522.5</b>	<b>246.4</b>	<b>263.0</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>175.8</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>259.3</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>584.8</b>	<b>3,630.1</b>
Oct	485.3	188.3	87.8	111.7	11.6	89.5	66.9	21.4	1.7	34.5	13.9	0.0	8.2	107.9	11.8	217.4	1,458.1
Nov	456.9	162.0	101.3	129.1	7.7	92.1	71.5	25.1	1.3	33.6	13.9	0.1	5.9	96.4	8.0	209.2	1,414.2
Dec	231.9	147.9	81.4	90.8	7.5	77.6	59.3	17.5	2.2	21.5	15.1	0.0	3.4	79.6	7.4	177.6	1,020.6
<b>Q4</b>	<b>1,174.1</b>	<b>498.3</b>	<b>270.5</b>	<b>331.6</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>197.7</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>283.9</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>604.3</b>	<b>3,892.8</b>
<b>Total_2023</b>	<b>3,824.9</b>	<b>2,116.9</b>	<b>932.8</b>	<b>1,050.8</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>1,025.3</b>	<b>698.5</b>	<b>242.2</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>406.0</b>	<b>158.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>1,096.9</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>2,208.2</b>	<b>14,079.5</b>
Jan_2024	188.6	233.4	95.2	101.7	10.2	77.7	59.6	13.7	0.8	34.5	13.4	0.0	2.7	92.6	8.6	168.9	1,101.6
Feb	188.4	237.5	75.3	92.9	6.3	91.6	55.3	23.2	2.0	31.2	15.3	0.0	5.7	77.8	13.5	185.9	1,102.0
Mar	222.8	262.0	79.4	96.0	13.0	74.4	54.1	23.6	0.9	30.0	15.6	0.0	1.4	85.9	9.3	192.1	1,160.5
<b>Q1</b>	<b>599.8</b>	<b>732.8</b>	<b>249.8</b>	<b>290.6</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>243.8</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>256.3</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>547.0</b>	<b>3,364.1</b>
Apr	224.9	183.6	75.7	110.9	14.9	111.1	63.2	15.1	0.8	34.8	14.5	0.1	7.1	83.6	9.1	189.9	1,139.4
May	158.3	281.0	92.0	91.0	22.7	101.2	70.0	17.5	2.0	43.8	19.2	0.4	4.5	108.4	12.2	195.2	1,219.5
Jun	166.9	184.1	96.4	84.6	18.1	107.7	58.1	20.2	3.1	51.3	15.9	0.0	2.8	83.1	16.5	207.9	1,116.7
<b>Q2</b>	<b>550.0</b>	<b>648.7</b>	<b>264.1</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>320.0</b>	<b>191.4</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>275.1</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>593.0</b>	<b>3,475.5</b>
Jul	190.8	216.2	82.1	93.3	18.1	114.8	78.6	33.0	1.8	40.6	19.4	0.0	3.9	106.5	19.6	214.2	1,233.0
Aug	219.2	258.2	94.3	100.7	20.7	101.4	76.8	20.8	3.3	50.8	13.6	0.1	8.2	123.4	15.1	214.5	1,321.4
Sep	218.8	163.1	109.7	100.3	20.0	86.2	69.8	19.9	9.4	37.2	16.3	0.1	8.7	99.3	16.6	217.0	1,192.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>628.8</b>	<b>637.6</b>	<b>286.2</b>	<b>294.4</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>302.4</b>	<b>225.3</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>128.6</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>329.2</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>645.7</b>	<b>3,747.0</b>
<b>% Contribution</b>																	
<b>Aug</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Sep</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## Annex 1: Chapters and Descriptions

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09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices
10	Cereals
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