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CONVERSION FACTORS

Factors for the Conversion of Imperial to Metric Units

1 inch (in.)	= 2.540 centimetres (cm)
1 foot (ft) (=12 in.)	= 30.48 cm
1 yard (yd) (=3 ft)	= 0.9144 metre (m)
1 square yard (sq yd)	= 0.8361 sq m
1 acre (=4840 sq yd)	= 0.4047 hectare (ha)
1 ounce (oz)	= 28.35 grams (g)
1 pound (lb)	= 0.4536 kilogram (kg)
1 hundredweight (cwt) (=112 lb)	= 50.80 kg
1 ton (=2240 lb)	= 1016 kg = 1.016 metric tons (tonnes) (t)
1 pint	= 0.5682 litre
1 gallon (gal) (=8 pints)	= 4.546 litres
1 fluid ounce = 1/20 pint	= 0.02841 litre = 28.41 ml
1 cubic foot	= 28.32 litres

<i>To convert</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>
oz/acre to g/ha	70.06
lb/acre to kg/ha	1.121
cwt/acre to kg/ha	125.5
cwt/acre to tonnes/ha	0.1255
tons/acre to kg/ha	2511
tons/acre to tonnes/ha	2.511
gal/acre to litre/ha	11.233

The following factors are accurate to about 2 parts in 100:

1 lb/acre =	1.1 kg/ha
1 gal/acre =	11 litre/ha
1 ton/acre =	2.5 tonnes/ha

In general reading of the text there will be no great inaccuracy in regarding:

1 lb =	0.5 kg
1 lb/acre =	1 kg/ha

Temperatures

To convert °F into °C subtract 32 and multiply by $\frac{5}{9}$ (0.556)

To convert °C into °F multiply by $\frac{9}{5}$ (1.8) and add 32

Factors for the Conversion of Metric to Imperial Units

1 centimetre (cm)	= 0.3937 inch (in.) = 0.03281 ft
1 metre (m)	= 1.094 yards (yd)
1 square metre (sq m)	= 1.196 square yards (sq yd)
1 hectare (ha)	= 2.471 acres
1 gram (g)	= 0.03527 ounce (oz)
1 kilogram (kg)	= 2.205 pounds (lb)
1 kg	= 0.01968 hundredweight (cwt) = 0.0009842 ton
1 metric ton (tonne) (t)	= 0.9842 ton
1 litre	= 1.760 pints = 0.2200 gallon (gal)
1 litre = 1000 millilitres (ml)	= 35.20 fluid ounces = 0.03531 cubic foot

<i>To convert</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>
g/ha to oz/acre	0.01427
kg/ha to lb/acre	0.8921
kg/ha to cwt/acre	0.007966
tonnes/ha to cwt/acre	7.966
kg/ha to tons/acre	0.0003983
tonnes/ha to tons/acre	0.3983
litre/ha to gal/acre	0.08902

Plant nutrients

Plant nutrients are best stated in terms of amounts of the elements (P, K, Na, Ca, Mg, S); the old 'oxide' terminology P_2O_5 , K_2O , Na_2O , CaO , MgO , SO_3 is still used in work involving fertilisers and liming since Regulations require statements of P_2O_5 , K_2O , etc.

For quick conversions

(accurate to within 2%) the following factors may be used:

$2\frac{1}{3} \times P = P_2O_5$	$\frac{3}{7} \times P_2O_5 = P$
$1\frac{1}{3} \times K = K_2O$	$\frac{5}{8} \times K_2O = K$
$1\frac{2}{5} \times Ca = CaO$	$\frac{7}{10} \times CaO = Ca$
$1\frac{3}{8} \times Mg = MgO$	$\frac{3}{5} \times MgO = Mg$

For accurate conversions:

<i>To convert</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>	<i>To convert</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>
P_2O_5 to P	0.4364	P to P_2O_5	2.2915
K_2O to K	0.8301	K to K_2O	1.2047
CaO to Ca	0.7146	Ca to CaO	1.3994
MgO to Mg	0.6031	Mg to MgO	1.6581