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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 (yd2)	= 0.8361 m ²
1 acre (ac) (=4840 yd²)	= 0.4047 hectare (ha)
1 ounce (oz)	= 28·35 grams (g)
1 pound (lb)	= 0.4536 kilogram (kg)
1 hundredweight (cwt) (=112	1b) = 50.80 kg
1 ton (=2240 lb)	= $1016 \text{ kg} = 1.016 \text{ metric tons (tonnes) (t)}$
1 pint	= 0.5682 litre (l)
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

To convert	Multiply by
oz ac-1 to g ha-1	70.06
lb ac-1 to kg ha-1	1.121
cwt ac-1 to kg ha-1	125.5
cwt ac-1 to t ha-1	0.1255
ton ac-1 to kg ha-1	2511
ton ac-1 to t ha-1	2.511
gal ac-1 to 1 ha-1	11.233

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

1 lb ac⁻¹ = 1.1 kg ha⁻¹ 1 gal ac⁻¹ = 11 litres ha⁻¹ 1 ton ac⁻¹ = 2.5 t ha⁻¹

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

1 lb = 0.5 kg $1 \text{ lb ac}^{-1} = 1 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$

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

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CONVERSION FACTORS

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 (m ²)	=	1·196 square yards (yd2)
1 hectare (ha)	=	2·471 acres (ac)
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 (ft ³)

To convert	Multiply by	
g ha-1 to oz ac-1	0.01427	
kg ha-1 to lb ac-1	0.8921	
kg ha-1 to cwt ac-1	0.007966	
t ha-1 to cwt ac-1	7.966	
kg ha-1 to tons ac-1	0.0003983	
t ha-1 to tons ac-1	0.3983	
l ha-1 to gal ac-1	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 (P₂O₅, K₂O, Na₂O, CaO, MgO, SO₃) is still used in work involving fertilisers and liming since Regulations require statements of P₂O₅, K₂O, etc.

For quick conversions

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

$2\frac{1}{3}\times P = P_2O_5$	$\frac{3}{7} \times P_2O_5 = P$
$1\frac{1}{6} \times K = K_2O$	$\frac{5}{6} \times \text{K}_2\text{O} = \text{K}$
$1\frac{2}{5} \times Ca = CaO$	$\frac{7}{10} \times \text{CaO} = \text{Ca}$
$14 \times Mg = MgO$	$\frac{3}{4} \times MgO = Mg$

For accurate conversions:

To convert	Multiply by	To convert	Multiply by			
P ₂ O ₅ to P	0.4364	P to P ₂ O ₅	2.2915			
K ₂ O to K	0.8301	K to K ₂ O	1.2047			
CaO to Ca	0.7146	Ca to CaO	1.3994			
MgO to Mg	0.6031	Mg to MgO	1.6581			