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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 lb)	= 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 = $1 \cdot 1$ kg ha⁻¹ 1 gal ac⁻¹ = 11 litres ha⁻¹ 1 ton ac⁻¹ = $2 \cdot 5$ 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 $\frac{9}{8}$ (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 (l)	=1.760 pints=0.2200 gallon (gal)
1 litre = 1000 millilitres (n	n1) = 35.20 fluid ounces = 0.03531 cubic foot (ft ⁸)

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	
1 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 (P_2O_5 , K_2O , Na_2O , CaO, MgO, SO_3) is still used in work involving fertilizers and liming since Regulations require statements of P_2O_5 , K_5O , etc.

For quick conversions

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

$2\frac{1}{3} \times P = P_2O_5$	$\frac{8}{7} \times P_2O_5 = P$
$1\frac{1}{6} \times K = K_2O$	$\frac{5}{6} \times K_2O = K$
$1\frac{2}{6} \times Ca = CaO$	$\frac{7}{10} \times \text{CaO} = \text{Ca}$
$1\frac{2}{3} \times Mg = MgO$	$\frac{3}{5} \times MgO = Mg$

For accurate conversions

To convert	Multiply by	To convert	Multiply by
P ₂ O ₅ to P	0.4364	P to P2O5	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