

Appendix E. Units of Weights, Measures, and Metric Conversion Factors

To convert the U.S. domestic units to metric units, use the following conversion factors:

Standard units

- 1 acre = 0.4047 hectare
- 1 square foot (sq. ft.) = 0.093 square meter
- 1 pound (avoirdupois) = 0.45359 kilograms
- 1 hundredweight (cwt) = 100 pounds = 45.359 kilograms
- 1 ton = 2000 pounds = 0.907 metric ton
- 1 gallon = 3.785 liters

This table contains the units of weights, measures, and conversion factors associated with the commodities shown. There are some variations among commodities in weight per unit of volume resulting from differences in size or variety of commodity.

Commodity	Unit published	Approximate net weight	
		U.S. pounds	Metric kilograms
Barley for grain	Bushel	48	21.772
Buckwheat	Bushel	48	21.772
Corn for grain	Bushel, shelled	56	25.401
Cotton	Bale	480 Lint	217.724
Dry cowpeas and southern peas	Bushel	60	27.216
Emmer and spelt	Bushel	40	18.144
Flaxseed	Bushel	56	25.401
Goat milk	Gallon	8.6	3.895
Oats for grain	Bushel	32	14.515
Proso millet	Bushel	50	22.680
Rye for grain	Bushel	56	25.401
Sorghum for grain	Bushel	56	25.401
Soybeans for beans	Bushel	60	27.216
Sweetpotatoes	Bushel	55	24.948
Triticale	Bushel	56	25.401
Wheat, all types	Bushel	60	27.216