

### Journal description

The *Journal of Swine Health and Production* (JSHAP) is published bi-monthly by the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) and is freely available online. The journal accepts manuscripts for peer review that encompass the many domains of applied swine health and production, ie, the diagnosis, treatment, management, prevention, and eradication of swine diseases, swine welfare and behavior, nutrition, public health, epidemiology, food safety, biosecurity, pharmaceuticals, antimicrobial use and resistance, reproduction, growth, systems flow, economics, and facility design.

The JSHAP editorial policies are established by the executive editor, associate editor, and editorial board and subject to review by the AASV Board of Directors. Scientific manuscripts published in the *Journal of Swine Health and Production* are peer reviewed. However, information on medications, feed, and management techniques may be specific to the research or commercial situation presented in the manuscript. It is the responsibility of the reader to use information responsibly and in accordance with the rules and regulations governing research or the practice of veterinary medicine in their country or region. Views expressed in papers published in JSHAP represent the opinions of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the official policy of the institution with which the author is affiliated, AASV, or the executive editor.

### Types of papers

The *Journal of Swine Health and Production* currently accepts manuscripts that meet the descriptions and formatting requirements defined in Table 1.

### Policies and procedures

#### Animal care and welfare

For all research studies involving animal or human subjects, the manuscript must include a statement attesting that the study protocol was reviewed and approved by an appropriate oversight entity (eg, institutional animal care and use committee [IACUC], institutional review board [IRB], or country-specific equivalent) and the study performed in accordance with relevant institutional and national guidelines and regulations. The statement must include the name of the approving oversight entity and approval reference number. For example, “The study was conducted according to the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching and was approved by the NAME OF INSTITUTE (IACUC No. 12345).”

For Case Studies and Case Reports performed under field conditions in which animals are not manipulated beyond what would be required for diagnostic purposes, the manuscript must include a statement attesting that the animals were adequately housed and humanely cared for in accordance with relevant industry and country guidelines and regulations. For

example, “The animals in this case study were housed and cared for in accordance with the Pork Quality Assurance Plus program under the supervision of the herd veterinarian.”

For studies that do not include animal or human subjects, the manuscript must include a statement providing justification for why the study is exempt from animal care and use approval. For example, “This study was a retrospective analysis of farm production records and therefore, no animal care and use approval was required.”

The Animal care and use section should immediately follow the Introduction section of the manuscript. Literature review and peer-reviewed commentary manuscripts are exempt from providing an animal care and use statement.

#### Authorship

According to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, all listed authors must have participated sufficiently to take public responsibility for the work. Individuals should only be listed as authors if contributions have been made in each of the following areas<sup>1</sup>:

1. Conception and design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of the data,
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3. Approval of the version of the manuscript to be published, and
4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work, ensuring questions related to accuracy and integrity are investigated and resolved.

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Authors are expected to observe high standards with respect to research and publication ethics. Fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results is considered research misconduct.<sup>2</sup> All cases of research misconduct will be investigated and addressed accordingly.

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Authors are required to declare the presence of any personal, professional, or financial relationships that could potentially be construed as a conflict of interest for the submitted manuscript, regardless of genre. This declaration is placed just before the reference section and provides information concerning authors who profit in some way from publication of the paper.

**Table 1:** Manuscript genres and formatting requirements currently accepted by the *Journal of Swine Health and Production*

Genre	Description	Maximum words		Maximum No.		Other requirements*
		Abstract	Manuscript body	Figures and Tables	References	
Original Research	Reports the results of original research on topics that are within journal scope.	250	4000	As needed	35	–
Brief Communication	Documents observations made in a narrowly defined research area or a mini-review of a subject area.	50	2000	2	15	–
Case Report	Describes an unusual or interesting case.	100	3000	As needed	As needed	Manuscript should not exceed 20 pages including figures, tables, and references.
Case Study	Describes unusual or interesting cases occurring on two or more farms.	100	3000	As needed	As needed	Manuscript should not exceed 20 pages including figures, tables, and references.
Literature Review	Review of the published scientific literature about a specific topic area in which important advances have been made in the past five years and is of current interest.	200	5000	As needed	As needed but most references should be recent (within 5 yrs) and avoid use of non-refereed references and personal communications.	Manuscript should not exceed 30 pages including figures, tables, and references.
Production Tool	Describes a practical, state-of-the-art technique for improving an individual swine enterprise or the swine industry at large.	100	3000	As needed	As needed	Manuscript should not exceed 20 pages including figures, tables, and references.
Diagnostic Note	Describes methods of diagnosis for swine diseases. A brief literature review may be included and use of non-refereed references and personal communications is not restricted.	100	3000	As needed	As needed	Manuscript should not exceed 20 pages including figures, tables, and references.
Practice Tip	Describes new technological methods likely to be of use to swine practitioners.	100	3000	As needed	As needed	Manuscript should not exceed 20 pages including figures, tables, and references.
Peer-reviewed Commentary	Commentary on diagnostic, research, or production techniques used in the field of swine health and production.	100	3000	As needed	As needed	Manuscript should not exceed 20 pages including figures, tables, and references.

**Table 1:** Continued

Genre	Description	Maximum words		Maximum No.		Other requirements*
		Abstract	Manuscript body	Figures and Tables	References	
Letter to the Editor (LTE)	Offers comment or useful critique on materials published in the journal.	-	500	0	5	The decision to publish an LTE rests solely with the executive editor. Letters referring to a published article will be forwarded to the author of the article, and both the original letter and the response will be published in the same issue if possible. Letters to the Editor are not peer-reviewed but are subject to editorial changes.

\* Page limits are for Microsoft Word documents using 1-inch margins, Times New Roman, 12-point font (unless otherwise specified), and left justification with double-spacing throughout.

For example, one or more of the authors may be employed by a pharmaceutical company that manufactures a drug or vaccine tested in the study reported. Other examples include consultancies, stock ownership, honoraria, paid expert testimony, patent applications/ registrations, and grants or other funding. If there is no conflict of interest to declare, the statement under the “Conflict of interest” heading is “None reported.”

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### Permissions

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### Publication fees

There is no fee for publication of manuscripts in the JSHAP.

## Manuscript preparation

### File types

All manuscripts must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document using 1-inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font (unless otherwise specified), and left justification with double-spacing throughout. Include continuous page and line numbers. Do not use numbered or bulleted lists in the abstract or the text. Do not include tables or figures in this file, but do include table and figure references, such as (Table 1) or (Figure 1), within the text. Software programs that automatically create endnotes, footnotes, and references should be avoided in the final submitted version of the manuscript as the embedded formatting cannot be read by the publication software.

If the manuscript includes tables, each table must be created and submitted in a separate Microsoft Word document titled as the respective table number.

If the manuscript includes figures (graphs or images), submit each figure in a separate file titled as the respective figure number. Graphs created in Microsoft Excel should be submitted in the original .xls file(s). A graph created in statistics software can be submitted as a .pdf file. Photographs and images need to be high resolution .jpg files.

Sample templates have been created for each genre to assist authors in formatting their manuscript and can be accessed at [aasv.org/author-guidelines](https://aasv.org/author-guidelines).

### Supplementary materials

Supplementary materials are additional materials that are not essential to the understanding of the manuscript but provide important context to the manuscript and may be submitted for only online publication. Examples of materials accepted include extended descriptions of experimental methods or

statistical analysis, extended bibliographies, additional supporting tables and figures, reporting checklists, copies of surveys or questionnaires, handouts, and forms.

For supplementary materials that are too large or in a format not consistent with JSHAP publication (eg, data sheets, presentations, audio, or video), authors are encouraged to upload and publish these files to a repository, such as FigShare, and reference the DOI within the manuscript.

Supplementary materials must be formatted according to the JSHAP Author Guidelines. There is no word or page limit for supplementary materials, but they should be succinctly presented to facilitate peer review. Acceptance of supplementary materials for publication is at the discretion of the editor. All JSHAP published supplementary materials are subject to copyright.

## General style

Manuscripts must be written in English and use American spelling and usage. The JSHAP uses the AMA Manual of Style for guidance on general style and form.<sup>3</sup> Specific style guidelines are as follows:

**Abbreviations.** The Abstract, Tables, Figures, and body of the manuscript are considered independent sections of each other and therefore, all abbreviations must be defined at the first mention of the term being abbreviated within each respective section. Abbreviations should not be introduced in titles, headings, or sub-headings. Minimize the use of abbreviations in the manuscript and only introduce abbreviations if they are used again in the manuscript. When a term is abbreviated, the abbreviation should be used in place of the term throughout the manuscript except at the beginning of a sentence or as the sole term in headings and sub-headings.

**Biological nomenclature.** The binomial name should be used for organisms (eg, *Staphylococcus aureus*). The genus should be capitalized, and both genus and species should be italicized. After first mention, the genus portion of the name can be abbreviated (eg, *S aureus*). Use the common vernacular name for viruses unless indicating a taxonomic group, then use the formal name. Vernacular virus names are not capitalized unless a proper noun is part of the name (eg, African swine fever virus). When abbreviating, capitalize all letters including the “V” to represent virus (eg, porcine epidemic diarrhea virus [PEDV]).

**Commercial products.** The use of proprietary commercial product names should be avoided in titles and minimized in the manuscript. The use of generic or non-proprietary names is preferred. When a commercial product is used as part of an experiment, the manufacturer name should be provided in parentheses at the first mention in text, tables, and figures. The manufacturer’s location should not be included. The generic name should be used thereafter. Trademarked or registered names should be capitalized, but no ™, ©, or ® symbols should be used.

**Headings.** The JSHAP uses 3 heading levels for publication. Major headings are bold, 14-point font and are dictated by the genre of the manuscript. The first level sub-headings are bold, 12-point font. The second level sub-headings are bold, 12-point font on the first line of the new paragraph and end with a period. Sub-headings are meant to divide a primary part into secondary

parts so there should be a minimum of 2 in a section where sub-headings are used. Heading format examples can be found in the templates for each genre ([aasv.org/author-guidelines](http://aasv.org/author-guidelines)).

**Numbers.** Numbers are used to express numbers in most circumstances. Exceptions are numbers that begin a sentence, title, subtitle, or heading, common fractions, numbers used as pronouns, ordinals first through ninth, and numbers spelled out in quotes or published titles.

**P values.** Capitalize and italicize *P* and do not use a zero before the decimal point of a *P* value. The actual *P* value should be reported ( $P = .03$ ), rather than as a statement of inequality ( $P < .05$ ), unless  $P < .001$ . For  $P \geq .01$ , express values to 2 decimal places unless rounding would make a significant value appear nonsignificant, eg,  $P = .049$  would not be rounded. If  $P < .01$ , it should be expressed to 3 digits.

**Units of measure.** The JSHAP uses the Système International (SI) for all measurements. Weights must be converted to kilograms. Exceptions may be made when measurements have a precision that cannot be accurately converted to SI units, or when complex calculations or statistics have already been performed using non-SI units. Degrees Celsius are used rather than Kelvin (the standard for temperature in SI units), and calories are acceptable for referring to energy in diets. Report time and dates using conventional form (ie, 5:30 PM on February 26, 2016). The standard abbreviations for units of measure may be used without definition. Units of measure not accompanied by a numeric value or a numeric value that must be spelled out (eg, numbers that begin a sentence) should not be abbreviated. A conversion chart is included in Appendix A and in most issues of the printed journal.

## Other general style considerations:

- When listing items, use commas to separate all parts of the series (eg, green, red, and yellow).
- Do not use numbered or bulleted lists in the manuscript except in the Implications section.
- Use brackets to indicate a parenthetical expression within a parenthetical expression: ([ ])
- Avoid use of jargon unfamiliar to scientists from other disciplines.
- Include spaces around mathematical signs of operation.
- The use of “and/or” creates ambiguity and should not be used. It should be replaced with “and”, “or”, or “or both” (eg, one and two; one or two; or one, two, or both).

## Title page

The title page should include the following elements:

### Short title

Provide a short title of 90 characters or less (including spaces) to be used on the journal cover. This short title should be a compressed version of the manuscript’s full title yet still convey the general topic of the manuscript. Common abbreviations may be used in the short title. Capitalize only the first word and any proper nouns.

### Genre

Include the genre name that best describes the manuscript being submitted for review. The genre is bold and 14-point font.



## Title

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## Abstract

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- Original research – 250 words including the following sub-headings: Objective(s), Materials and methods, Results, and Implication(s).
- Literature review – 200 words, in paragraph form with no sub-headings.
- Case report, case study, production tool, diagnostic note, practice tip, or peer-reviewed commentary – 100 words, in paragraph form with no sub-headings.
- Brief communication – 50 words, in paragraph form with no sub-headings.

## Keywords

Keywords represent the key topics presented in the article. Authors must include “swine” as the first keyword with up to 4 additional words or phrases for a total of 5 keywords. The first letter of each keyword is lowercase, unless it is a proper noun, and no abbreviations should be used.

## Manuscript body – original research and brief communication

Original research and brief communication manuscripts should follow the traditional structure of research articles, including sections for introduction, materials and methods, results, and discussion.

## Introduction

This section has no heading or sub-headings. The introduction provides context and justification for the research and how the work fills in gaps in the literature. The introduction should end with a clear statement of the objectives of the study and the hypothesis or research question. It should generally not exceed 2 or 3 paragraphs.

## Animal care and use

For all research studies involving animal or human subjects, the manuscript must include a statement attesting that the study protocol was reviewed and approved by an appropriate oversight entity (eg, institutional animal care and use committee [IACUC], institutional review board [IRB], or country-specific equivalent) and the study performed in accordance with relevant institutional and national guidelines and regulations. The statement must include the name of the approving oversight entity and approval reference number. For example, “The study was conducted according to the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching and was approved by the NAME OF INSTITUTE (IACUC No. 12345).”

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## Materials and methods

Sub-headings may be used in this section but are not required. This section should include sufficient detail to enable the reader to repeat the study. This includes, as appropriate, a detailed description of the study design; date and location of study; condition, factors, or disease studied; sample population, including inclusion and exclusion criteria and treatment allocation; interventions or treatments and how and when they were applied; outcomes measured or observations made; and statistical analysis used with a statement on the level of significance used for hypothesis testing.

## Results

Sub-headings may be used in this section but are not required. The results section should include a description of the major findings that are simply stated without discussion or conclusions. Data should be presented in the form of tables or figures when feasible and referenced parenthetically in the text. This

section should explain or elaborate on the data presented in tables and figures but do not repeat numbers from the tables and figures in the text. Do not present the same data in both a table and a figure. Reporting the *P* value is preferred to the use of the terms significant and not significant to give readers proper context.

## Discussion

This section should have no sub-headings. The discussion should provide comments on or explanation of the results, but lengthy reiteration of the results should be avoided. Do not include *P* values, unless citing from other research, or introduce data that has not been previously presented in the Results section (ie, no new data). Do address the research question or hypothesis and compare the results with those reported in other studies. Provide explanation for unexpected results or results that differ from those previously reported. Discuss any limitations of the study, the generalizability of the results, and what further research may be needed. The discussion must be consistent with the data from the research and authors should limit speculation.

## Manuscript body – case report and case study

### Introduction

This section has no heading or sub-headings. The introduction includes history and review of similar cases to provide context and justification for the case report or study. The introduction should end with a clear statement of the objectives of the study. It should generally not exceed 2 or 3 paragraphs.

### Animal care and use

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### Case description

Sub-headings may be used but are not required. This section should include a detailed description of the case(s) including but not limited to symptoms at presentation, physical exams, and laboratory results.

### Discussion

This section should have no sub-headings. The discussion should provide commentary on the case findings including comparing the results with those reported in other studies and providing explanation for unexpected results or results that

differ from those previously reported. Discuss diagnosis and treatment, the generalizability of the results, and what further research may be needed.

## Manuscript body – literature review, production tool, diagnostic note, practice tip, and peer-reviewed commentary

The body of literature review, production tool, diagnostic note, practice tip, and peer-reviewed commentary manuscripts are organized as required by the content. Inclusion of major headings and sub-headings should guide the reader with the progression of the manuscript making it easier to read. Note that the introduction does not have headings or sub-headings.

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## Implications

Note: literature review and practice tip manuscripts are exempt from providing implications.

Implications outline the practical application or impact of the study results or the “take-home” messages for readers. Implications should be presented as provisional to the parameters and conditions of the study and should not over-generalize the results. Some questions that may be answered by the implications include:

- How do the results of this study connect with what has been previously published?
- What new ideas have been generated by this research?
- What are the limitations of the data, methods, or results of this study?
- What are the consequences of the most significant findings of this research?
- How do the outcomes of this research impact the question or situation presented in the introduction of the manuscript?

No new information or concepts should be introduced in this section and implications should not simply repeat the context, objectives, or results of the study (ie, be a summary of the abstract). Manuscripts are limited to 3 bulleted implications, each with a maximum of 80 characters including spaces.

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Format references according to the AMA Manual of Style.<sup>3</sup> Specific examples can be found in Table 2. For all references, please remember to:

- list all authors, do not use “et al”,
- retain the spelling and abbreviations of the original title,
- provide English translations in brackets following non-English-language titles,

- remove all spaces between numbers and punctuation from the year onward,
- include the issue number only if the journal is paginated by issue,
- write out the page numbers separated with a hyphen (eg, 120-128, not 120-8),
- italicize and abbreviate all journal titles according to the US National Library of Medicine catalog ([ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals](http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals)). Do not use periods within the abbreviation (eg, *Vet Rec.*, not *Vet. Rec.*), and
- include the reference DOI, if one exists. References can be checked for DOIs at [apps.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery](http://apps.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery).

## Tables

Reference all tables in the manuscript text, citing them in consecutive order. Tables must be created so they can be understood without referencing information in the body of the manuscript. Tables must be created using the table function in Microsoft Word and saved in individual files separate from the manuscript titled with the respective table number.

Each table should have a brief title formatted in sentence case with only the first word and proper nouns capitalized. The title should not end with a period.

Each table column must have a heading. Units should be separated from headings by a comma, rather than being shown in parentheses. Parentheses should be used instead of the  $\pm$  symbol throughout the table and the number defined in the column heading. For example:

Treatment	Age, mean (SD), mo	Female, No. (%)	Weight, mean (SD), kg
Group 1	2.9 (0.2)	107 (53)	9.5 (1.2)
Group 2	3.0 (0.2)	253 (62%)	9.7 (0.8)

Tables should not have missing data fields. Use the numeral “0” to indicate the value of the data is zero. Use the abbreviation “NA” to denote not available, not analyzed, or not applicable and define the abbreviation accordingly in the abbreviations footnote. Lowercase, superscript letters are used to indicate significant differences among means within a row or column.

Use footnotes to explain data in the body of the table, identifying each footnote with a symbol. Symbols should be used in this order: \*†‡§¶. Double the symbols in the same order if more are needed. Footnotes should appear below the table with each footnote beginning on a new line. The manufacturer name must be provided for any proprietary product appearing in a table. When appropriate, include a footnote to provide the name of the statistical method used for reported *P* values. This footnote is designated by a symbol or by lowercase, superscript letters if used in the body of the table. The final footnote should define all abbreviations used in the table. No symbol is used for this footnote. Abbreviations are not limited to those terms abbreviated in the manuscript but do ensure that table abbreviations are consistent with any abbreviations used in the manuscript.

**Table 2:** Reference examples per the AMA Style Guide<sup>3</sup>

Citation type	Format	Example
Journal article	Author(s). Title. <i>Journal name</i> . Year;Volume(Issue):Page number(s) or e-locator. Doi	McClellan K, Lindemann M, Levesque C. Assessment of hemoglobin concentration in sows and their offspring over consecutive reproductive cycles. <i>J Swine Health Prod</i> . 2024;32(6):248-257. <a href="https://doi.org/10.54846/jshap/1399">https://doi.org/10.54846/jshap/1399</a>
Book chapter (print)	Chapter author(s). Chapter title. In: editor(s). <i>Book title</i> . Edition number (do not indicate 1st edition). Publisher; Year:Page number(s).	Chang C-C. Bunyaviruses. In: Zimmerman JJ, Karriker LA, Ramirez A, Schwartz KJ, Stevenson GW, Zhang J, eds. <i>Diseases of Swine</i> . 11th ed. Wiley Blackwell; 2019:461-463.
Book chapter (online)	Chapter author(s). Chapter title. In: Book author(s) or editor(s). <i>Book title</i> . Edition number (do not indicate 1st edition). Publisher; Year:Page number(s). Accessed date. URL	Neumann EJ, Ramirez A, Schwartz KJ. African swine fever. In: Neumann EJ, Ramirez A, Schwartz KJ, eds. <i>Swine Disease Manual</i> . 5th ed. American Association of Swine Veterinarians. 2020:63-64. Accessed December 21, 2020. <a href="https://www.aasv.org/library/swineinfo/item.php?25306">https://www.aasv.org/library/swineinfo/item.php?25306</a>
Book (print)	Author(s) or editors(s). <i>Book title</i> . Edition number (do not indicate 1st edition). Name of publisher; Year.	Zimmerman JJ, Karriker LA, Ramirez A, Schwartz KJ, Stevenson GW, eds. <i>Diseases of Swine</i> . 11th ed. Wiley-Blackwell; 2019.
Website	Author(s). Title. Name of website. Date published. Updated date. Accessed date. URL	Holtkamp D. Economic impact of <i>Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae</i> on pig farms. Pig 333. September 19, 2014.
Government/ Organization reports	Author(s). Title. Year. Page(s)/publication/series numbers. Accessed date (if online). URL (if online)	United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Procedure manual for classical swine fever (CSF) surveillance. 2007. Accessed May 3, 2020. <a href="https://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/swine/csf/CSF_procedure_manual_2007.pdf">https://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/swine/csf/CSF_procedure_manual_2007.pdf</a>
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# APPENDIX A

## Weights and measures conversions

Common (US)	Metric	To convert	Multiply by
1 oz	28.35 g	oz to g	28.35
1 lb (16 oz)	0.45 kg	lb to kg	0.45
2.2 lb	1 kg	kg to lb	2.2
1 in	2.54 cm	in to cm	2.54
0.39 in	1 cm	cm to in	0.39
1 ft (12 in)	0.3 m	ft to m	0.3
3.28 ft	1 m	m to ft	3.28
1 mi	1.6 km	mi to km	1.6
0.62 mi	1 km	km to mi	0.62
1 in <sup>2</sup>	6.45 cm <sup>2</sup>	in <sup>2</sup> to cm <sup>2</sup>	6.45
0.16 in <sup>2</sup>	1 cm <sup>2</sup>	cm <sup>2</sup> to in <sup>2</sup>	0.16
1 ft <sup>2</sup>	0.09 m <sup>2</sup>	ft <sup>2</sup> to m <sup>2</sup>	0.09
10.76 ft <sup>2</sup>	1 m <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup> to ft <sup>2</sup>	10.8
1 ft <sup>3</sup>	0.03 m <sup>3</sup>	ft <sup>3</sup> to m <sup>3</sup>	0.03
35.3 ft <sup>3</sup>	1 m <sup>3</sup>	m <sup>3</sup> to ft <sup>3</sup>	35.3
1 gal (128 fl oz)	3.8 L	gal to L	3.8
0.26 gal	1 L	L to gal	0.26
1 qt (32 fl oz)	0.95 L	qt to L	0.95
1.06 qt	1 L	L to qt	1.06

### Temperature equivalents (approx)

°F	°C
32	0
50	10.0
60	15.5
61	16.1
65	18.3
70	21.1
75	23.8
80	26.6
82	27.7
85	29.4
90	32.2
102	38.8
103	39.4
104	40.0
105	40.5
106	41.1
212	100.0

$$^{\circ}\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} \times 9/5) + 32$$

$$^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 5/9$$

Conversion calculator available  
at: [amamanualofstyle.com/page/si-conversion-calculator](http://amamanualofstyle.com/page/si-conversion-calculator)

### Conversion chart, kg to lb (approx)

Pig size	Lb	Kg
Birth	3.3-4.4	1.5-2.0
Weaning	7.7	3.5
	11	5
	22	10
Nursery	33	15
	44	20
	55	25
	66	30
	99	45
Grower	110	50
	132	60
	198	90
Finisher	220	100
	231	105
	242	110
	253	115
	300	136
Mature sow or boar	661	300
	794	360
	800	363

$$1 \text{ tonne} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$1 \text{ ppm} = 0.0001\% = 1 \text{ mg/kg} = 1 \text{ g/tonne}$$

$$1 \text{ ppm} = 1 \text{ mg/L}$$

