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Use the fundamental quantity with appropriate prefix:

kilo	k
mega	M
giga	G
tera	T
milli	m
micro	μ
nano	n
pico	p

Units of length:

meter	m
kilometer	km
centimeter	cm
millimeter	mm
micrometer	μm
nanometer	nm

Units of area:

square meter	m^2
kilometer	km^2
hectare (10 000 m^2)	ha
square centimeter	cm^2
square millimeter	mm^2

Units of volume:

cubic meter	m^3
cubic centimeter	cm^3
liter	l
milliliter	ml
microliter	μl

Units of mass:

gram	g
kilogram	kg
tonne	t
milligram	mg
microgram	μg

Units of density:

g/cm^3 , kg/m^3 , t/m^3 , g/l , kg/l

Units of pressure:

pascal	Pa
megapascal	MPa

Units of time:

second	s
minute	min
hour	h
day, week, month, year	day, week, month, year

Units of temperature:

Celsius	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Kelvin	K

Additional physical units:

dalton	Da
hertz	Hz
joule	J
volt	V
watt	W

Relative units:

parts/million parts	ppm
parts/billion parts	ppb
parts/trillion parts	ppt
percentage	%
weight	w
volume	V

Units of electrical conductivity:

siemens per meter	S/m
millisiemens per meter (mS/cm ; $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$)	mS/m
ohm	Ω

Units of concentration:

mole per kilogram (liter)	mol/kg (mol/l)
millimole (micromole) per kilogram	mmol/kg ($\mu\text{mol}/\text{kg}$)
gram per kilogram	g/kg
milligram per kilogram	mg/kg
microgram per kilogram	$\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$

Similar units for volume:

g/l , mg/l , mg/ml , $\mu\text{g}/\text{l}$, $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$

Units of irradiation:

watt per square meter	W/m^2
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Units of photon flux density:

mol per square meter per second	$\text{mol}/\text{m}^2/\text{s}$
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Units of yield, sampling and rate:

kilogram per hectare	kg/ha
tonnes per hectare	t/ha
liter per hectare	l/ha

gram per hectare	g/ha
gram per square meter	g/m ²
gram per kilogram	g/kg
milligram per kilogram	mg/kg

Units of cation exchange capacity (CEC):

mmol of chemical equivalent per kilogram of soil or another materials mmol₊/kg
 Similar units for volume of cation exchange.

Content of nutrients in plants, soils and another materials is necessary to state always as pure element (C, N, P, K, Ca, S, Fe, etc.), so dose of nutrients or compounds, for example 1 g S in calcium sulphate (CaSO₄). You should state the dose of nutrients as pure element per specified area, or weight soil, container, etc. and you should use the slash, for instance 110 kg N/ha, or write 110 kg N per ha. You should **not** use the indexes as 110 kg N.ha⁻¹.

Forms of nutrients:

Nitrite nitrogen	NO ₂ ⁻ -N
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Ammonia	NH ₄ ⁺ -N
Total nitrogen	N _{tot}
Sulfur in sulfate	SO ₄ ²⁻ -S

You should state the content of organic matter in soils (topsoil, soil organic matter, etc.) entirely as C. You should specify the form of determined element, possibly the method of determination, by using subscripts. For example, content of carbon determined by oxidometric methods as C_{ox}, futhermore C_{org}, C_{tot}, C_{ox} humic acids and its solubility C_{hwe}, etc.

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You should state the method of determination nutrients in soil, for example content P (Olsen, Egner, Mehlich, etc.), possibly P_{Olsen}, P_{Egner} etc.

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Statistical symbols and abbreviations

analysis of variance	ANOVA
coefficient of variation	CV
degree of freedom	df
F-distribution	F
least significant difference	LSD
sample size	n
probability	P
simple correlation coefficient	r
simple correlation of determination	r ²
multiple correlation coefficient	R
multiple correlation of determination	R ²
variance (sample)	s ²
standard deviation (sample)	SD
standard error	SE
standard error of the differences of means	SED
standard error of mean	SEM
t-(or Student) test	t
mean	x

Additional use symbols

dry weight (matter)	DW (DM)
fresh weight	FW (FM)
water use efficiency	WUE