



Texas Land Measures

There was a time when land was measured in terms of varas, poles and leagues. Although today land is seldom measured in rods or varas, you may find this list of approximate conversions helpful.

- One section = 640 acres
- One mile = 1,900.8 varas = 5,280 feet = 1,760 yards = 320 rods = 80 chains
- One acre = 5645.4 square varas = 43,560 square feet = 4,840 square yards = 160 square rods = 75.13 varas square = 69.57 yards square = 208.7 feet square = 10 square chains.
- One vara = 33-1/3 inches
- 100 feet = 36 varas. One link = 7.92 inches
- One rod or pole = 25 links = 5.94 varas = 5 1/2 yards = 16 1/2 feet
- One chain = 4 rods = 100 links = 22 yards = 66 feet = 23.76 varas
- One league = 5,000 varas square = 13,889 feet square = 4,428.4 acres
- One labor = 1,000 varas square = 2,788 feet square = 177.136 acres
- One caballerias = 108 acres

To Convert:

- Square feet to Acres: Multiply by 23 and divide by 1,000,000
- Square Varas to Acres: Multiply by 177 and divide by 1,000,000
- Square Yards to Acres: Divide by 4,840
- Feet to Varas: Multiply by .36
- Yards to Varas: Multiply by 1.08
- Varas to Feet: Divide by .36
- Varas to Yards: Divide by 1.08