

WAGONS WEST - Loading Your Wagon

Your family of five (Father, Mother, 3 children [ages 8, 6, 2]) are heading west to homestead on new land in Texas. You are leaving family and friends behind and only have one large covered wagon to load with all the supplies you will need for the first six months to a year of homesteading in Texas. You plan to farm and will need to build shelter to live in once you arrive on the frontier. A team of oxen pull the wagon and those who are able will walk most of the way, sleeping in or under the wagon at night.

Directions: Select your wagon supplies from the *WAGONS WEST* Supply List and fill in the columns below. Under item description write the name of the supply item chosen. Under BWU's write the Bulk Weight Unit found in parenthesis after the item on the supply list. In the column labeled *Number of Items*, write the number of those items you plan to take. To find the total BWU's multiply the BWU's times the number of items. **YOUR WAGON ONLY HOLDS 800 BWU's TOTAL!**
(Use back if necessary to list all chosen items)

Item Description	BWU'S	# of items	Total BWU's
<i>Example: pair of candlesticks</i>	2	2	4
TOTAL WEIGHT IN WAGON			

WAGONS WEST Supply List

Included in the list below are items that represent vital supplies that were carried by pioneers heading west. Since you (your family) cannot take everything in your wagon, you will have to select those items you believe would be most important to you on the trail west and when you arrive at your new homestead in Texas.

The number in parentheses after each item indicates its weight (BWU = Bulk Weight Unit). **Your wagon will only hold 800 BWU's.** Select the items carefully, considering the uses and importance of each item both on the trail and when you reach your destination.

Household Items		
Pair of candlesticks (2) Bedding for one bed (12) 15 yards of material (12) baby cradle (15) cooking spoons/ladles (4) lantern (3) clock (5) stool (8) 5 candles (1) set of dishes (20) woven basket (5) large skillet (10)	spinning wheel (25) mirror (10) match bottle and matches (2) large cooking pot (8) bed (30) blanket (7) family Bible (5) wooden bucket (5) coffee pot (3) butter churn (10) cooking stove (75) butter mold (2)	coffee grinder (6) loom (for weaving cloth) (35) rocking chair (15) pitcher and bowl (10) chest for clothing (35) family heirlooms (20) rug (25) table and 4 chairs (50) piano (100) 1 gallon of coal oil (12) needle and thread (1)
Food Items		
50 lbs. of flour (50) 25 lbs. of bacon (30) 25 lbs. of vegetables (30) 5 lbs. of dried fruit (10)	25 lbs. of dried beef (25) 15 lbs. of salt pork (20) 25 lbs. of Pinto beans (25) 20 lbs. of sugar (20)	25 lbs. of salt (30) 5 gal. of vinegar (20) assorted spices (5)
Personal Items		
Hunting knife (5) Powder horn (4) Clothing for 1 person (20) Children's toys (10)	Guitar (8) Fiddle (5) Eating utensils for 1 person (2) First aid kit (10)	Pistol (5) Rifle (10) Extra pair of boots (10) Chaps (8)
Tools		
Pick axe (one end pointed the other shaped like a chisel) (10) 100 feet of rope (5) hatchet (5) axe (10) shovel (8) 3-prong pitch fork (8) 2-man cross-cut saw (10)	Corn sheller (25) Anvil (heavy iron block on which metals are hammered) (25) 4 steel animal traps (5) metal plow (40) large grinding stone (30) bellows for a fire (10) vise clamp (5)	Tool assortment (10) Grain cradle (holder) (10) Twine (string) (2) Grease for wagon axles (15) Repair kit for wagon (oxen) harness (20) Garden hoe (5) Scythe (large knife for cutting) (8)
Miscellaneous Items		
50 lb. bag of seed corn (50) 50 lb. bag of cotton seed (50) a chicken coop (15)	Wood box full of wood (25) Bullet mold and lead (5) Keg of gunpowder (25) Feed for 1 pair of animals (30)	20 gallon barrel of water (60) saddle (25) two extra wagon wheels (50)