

Table 9:5

Land Categories in Natufa

Land Category	First Estimate (1935)		Second Estimate (1945)	
	dunums	% of Land	dunums	% of Land
4 (built-up areas)	411	2.93	391	2.79
5-8 (good arable land)	6,937	49.37	6,879	49.00
9-13 (inferior arable land)	1,787	12.72	1,838	13.09
14-15 (poor quality land)	626	4.46	576	4.12
16 (forests & non-cultivable land)	<u>4,289</u>	<u>30.52</u>	<u>4,351</u>	<u>31.00</u>
TOTALS	14,050	100.00	14,036	100.00

Source: Palestine Government Land Survey Department; from the records of R. Aranki (1980:inter.).

land) includes the few patches of irrigated Valley land and most of the fertile plain at the entrance of the village, paying between 40 and 25 fils (6 or 3 pence) per dunum. Category 16 (which includes 31 percent of Natufa's land) is uncultivable and is relieved from taxation (Ramallah Land Registry; Land Tax Classification 1954; Revised 1958). While these categories give us an idea about the agricultural terrain in the village, they do not reflect the distribution of holdings. According to the 1974 Household Survey, 68.2 percent of Natufa's families (208 households) possessed land. Only 187 households revealed their holdings, constituting 61 percent of total respondents. The results appear in Table 9:6 below.