

According to Dr. Wilkansky's findings, the net income of an "ordinary peasant (fallah)" family of six to nine souls with a holding of 80-100d. is P.L. 1.10 (total income, 2, minus total expenditures, 1,). This meager net income is expected to cover expenses on luxury items such as meat for the whole year. Yet, it will be argued that Wilkansky has in fact over-estimated the actual income of the average peasant family for the following reasons.

From the information given in this table (expenditures ,1,), it appears that the "fallah" for Dr. Wilkansky refers to the peasant owner only. The absence of rent from the list of expenditures means that tenants or rentiers who paid rent were not considered as "ordinary peasants". Also excluded from the category, "ordinary fallah" is the peasant who paid interest on a debt or loan. Finally, while this table makes a claim for income from milk, it ignores expenditures for feeding the cow(s). From this table nevertheless, one thing is clear; the Palestinian peasant is financially very poorly off.