

Table 7:1

Rural Families in the West Bank, by Number of Earners,
Cultivation of an Agricultural Farm, and Receiving External
Support, 1973-1974

	Rural Population				Total Population			
	No. of village families				Total families			
	No. of earners			Total	No. of earners			Tot
	0	1	2+		0	1	2+	
Total (000)	12.9	33.2	19.7	65.7	17.6	53.7	30.4	101
Total (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100
A farm and support	8.7	8.7	12.2	11.9	14.8	6.1	9.2	8
Support only	13.3	13.3	10.2	21.0	63.6	23.8	19.7	29
A farm only	32.8	32.8	58.4	36.5	9.7	21.4	40.1	25
Neither farm nor support	54.2	45.2	19.3	30.7	11.9	48.6	30.9	37

Source: "Families in the Administered Territories," Central Bureau of Statistics, ATSQ, vol. VI:1, May 1976.

Such a high figure, in a region where landlessness among peasants is not acute, is explained by the fact that the refugee population living in encampments outside urban municipalities is subsumed under "rural" population. Of the total rural population that do have land, or access to land (i.e. 48.4% of total rural families in Table 7:1), about 5,400 families do not have any income other than family labour in their own farms. Thus about 5% of rural households in the West Bank, and about 8% of the total families (urban, rural and refugees) -- if we are to trust the above figures -- derive their livelihood from family farms.²