

Table 9:6

Distribution of Land Holdings in Natufa by Household, 1974

Holdings (in dunums)	# of Households	% of Total	% of Landowners
None	43	22.8	-
Less than 10	81	43.1	56.0
11 - 50	49	26.1	34.0
51 - 100	7	3.2	4.0
101 - 150	3	1.6	2.0
More than 150	6	3.2	4.0
Unknown	118	-	-
TOTALS	305	100.0	100.0

Source: NHS, 1974:22; valid cases = 187; N = 305

If we exclude the 43 households who are landless (mostly refugees) in Table 9:6, then these holdings reveal the land distribution scheme for 70 percent of all households claiming land possession (144 out of 208), which seems a fair proportion to generalize from. Those who own less than 50 dunums thus constitute the overwhelming majority of Natufa's households (69.2 percent of the total and more than 90 percent of land owners). Most of those have small parcels of olive groves which are cropped biannually using family labour or refugee hired hands. Eighty eight percent of the cultivated holdings are arbored with olive, fig, or almond trees, and only 15.3 percent of the area is allotted to field crops and vegetables (NHS, 1974:21). Forty-three households (18.2 percent) of those with cultivable land claimed to have neglected their plots entirely because they are too small and yield too little to warrant their attention (NHS, 1974:21). Our