

CHAPTER IV

LAND OWNERSHIP AND CULTIVATION

As far as this study is concerned, the analysis will be made only on the farmers who live in this area. The analysis is divided into three stages. Firstly, we will study Ownership, in this we will consider the total acreage of land owned by each farmer irrespective of whether he operates it or not. Secondly, we will study Operation. Here we will consider the total acreage of land operated by the farmers, but, not owned by them. Thirdly, we will study Ownership and Operation. In this case, we will consider the total acreage owned and operated by the farmers. For example, if he owns 5 acres, but operates only 3 acres, then we will consider him as 'owning and operating 3 acres'; the other 2 acres is classified as owned but not operated by him.

Total Acreage of Land Owned by All Farmers living in Block K, C, K, U.

In all there are 139 farmers, residing in this area, who own land. Before I proceed any further, I must make it clear that I do not distinguish padi and non-padi land. The reason being only a few pieces are not covered by padi, and that is the land in the kampong. However, it must be pointed out that those farmers who own land in the kampong mostly reside there. The majority of the farmers who live in the sawah do not own lands in the kampong. All the lots in the sawah are padi land and are cultivated.

From Table 19 we can see that about 52 farmers own land between 3-4 acres. This is 37.43% of the total number of land owners in this area. Twenty own between 4-5 acres; 16 between 6-7; 13 between 5-6; 12 between 0-2, and 10 between 2-3.

Very few of them own extensive acreages 9 between 8-9; 4 between 9-10; 2 between 11-12, and 1 between 14-15.

Therefore, we see that most of the farmers own land between 0-7 acres. Within this range we have 123 farmers which is 88.45% of the total number of land owners. But the most concentrated is between 3-4, here we have 52 farmers. We have many owning between 3-4 for the simple reason that most of the lots are 3 acre-lots. Some of the farmers own two lots making a total of 6, or, 7 acres depending on the size of each lot.

There are 2 farmers owning between 11-12 acres, and 1 farmer owning between 14-15. However, in these cases, not all the

TABLE 19

TOTAL ACREAGE OF LAND OWNED BY ALL
FARMERS LIVING IN BLOCK K, N, R, U

Acreage of Land	Number of Farmers	Percentage of Farmers
0-2	12	6.00
2-3	10	7.20
3-4	52	37.43
4-5	20	14.40
5-6	13	9.35
6-7	16	11.50
7-8	-	-
8-9	9	6.48
9-10	4	2.85
10-11	-	-
11-12	2	1.44
12-13	-	-
13-14	-	-
14-15	1	0.72
Total	139	100.00

TABLE 20

LAND CULTIVATED BUT NOT OWNED BY THE FARMERS

Acreage	Number	Percentage
0-2	14	34.14
2-3	-	-
3-4	20	48.78
4-5	1	2.44
5-6	2	4.88
6-7	3	7.32
7-8	-	-
8-9	-	-
9-10	-	-
10-11	-	-
11-12	-	-
12-13	-	-
13-14	-	-
14-15	-	-
15-16	-	-
Total	41	100.00

TABLE 21

LAND OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE FARMERS

Acreage	Number	Percentage
0-2	10	7.52
2-3	9	6.76
3-4	57	42.65
4-5	19	14.29
5-6	13	9.78
6-7	13	9.78
7-8	-	-
8-9	6	4.51
9-10	4	3.01
10-11	-	-
11-12	1	0.75
12-13	-	-
13-14	-	-
14-15	1	0.75
Total	133	100.00

land are covered by padi because a few acres are kampong-lands, hence, coconuts or fruit trees are grown instead. But as I have said much earlier, these are only exceptional cases as very few of the farmers residing in the sawah own lands in the Kampong.

Land Operated but Not Owned by the Farmers

In Table 20, we are dealing with the operation aspect. There are 41 farmers who live in this area operating lands not owned by them. In other words, these are the people who rent the land. Looking at the Table carefully, we will see that 26 farmers operate lands between 3-4 acres, and 14 between 0-2. These in fact are two major groups of operators. There is one farmer who operates between 15-16 acres; 1 between 4-5; 2 between 5-6 and 3 between 6-7.

Menos, 62.92, approximately operate between 0-2, and 3-4 acres. To sum up we can say that there are smaller number of operators compared to the number of land-owners.

Land Owned and Operated by the Farmers

In this analysis, with reference to Table 21, we are concerned with owner-operators. In all there are 133 farmers who owned and operated the land. Fifty-seven own and operate between 3-4; 19 between 4-5; 13 between 5-6; another 13 between 6-7; 10 between 0-2 and 9 between 2-3.

In the more extensive acreages, 6 owned and operated between 8-9; 4 between 9-10; 1 between 11-12 and 1 between 14-15. Thus we can see that exceptionally few own and operate lands that are extensive relatively. 90.9% approximately own and operate lands between 0-7 acres.

A Summary on the Study of Land Ownership and Operation

In the whole area, there are 139 land-owners. Out of this figure, 133 own and operate their lands. There are, however, 41 operators who do not own the lands they work on. These are the people who rent the lots.

Most of the owners have lands between 0-7, and likewise as far as owner-operators are concerned.

Conclusively, we can say that relatively few people do not own lands. A majority own and operate their lands.