

The form of tenancy compact is crucial in determining not only the return on investment by the landlord, but also the character of class relationship between owners, tenants and wage workers. Diagram 10:3 suggests a schema of involvement, return on investment and degree of risk involved for the landlord corresponding to the form of tenancy.

Diagram 10:3

Typology of Tenancy Forms & Corresponding Options for Landlords

Type of Farm Operation	Degree of Involvement of the Owner	Potential Returns to Owner	Degree of Risk Assumed by the Owner
1. Resident Owner-Operation	High	High	High
2. Nonresident Owner-Operation ("Commuting Landlord")	Substantial	High	Highest
3. Sharecropping Arrangement	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
4. Fixed Fee Rental Contract	Minimal	Low	None

Source: An Interim Evaluation of the Jordan Valley Development Effort 1973-1980 (Amman, 1980): Fig. 2-1, 58.

Diagram 10:3 has one serious omission. It excludes the important category of plantation owners in the citrus and banana groves one finds in the southern regions of the Valley (Shuneh, al-Auja, and Jericho). At the formal level it is possible to subsume those plantations under category 2 (although a number of their owners in the Jericho region, at least, are resident farmers). But their peculiarity is that they, unlike the other