

dunams of fig trees in an area called Kan'ān,²⁷³ and twenty-three dunams of field crop land belonging to the village of Sa'ir.²⁷⁴ The value of his properties was assessed at 12,500 kuruş. Khalil b. Shihāda 'Awḍ, who owned a few dunams less than 'Abd al-Qādir, was the wealthiest property holder in the village according to assessed property values. He did not claim a residence in 1876, but he registered a courtyard (*'arṣa*), three plots of field-crop land (70 dunams of grade-three land in Arḍ Hajar and 3.5 dunams of grade-3 land in Shi'b al-Fāris), a three-dunam vineyard, and a three-dunam vegetable garden.²⁷⁵ The worth of his properties was assessed at 16,625 kuruş.

As Chart 3.1 below indicates, however, the vast majority of Shuyukhi villagers registered to themselves very little in the way of agricultural properties. Half the villagers who registered agricultural properties claimed fewer than ten dunams. The village's musha holdings were comparatively meager as well. It was just 1,000 dunams of field-crop land. Unlike the villagers' other lands, the location of this plot was not identified. Rather, in the "location" column, the word musha was written. The *Esas-ı Emlak* further noted that the musha had recently been

²⁷³ I have not been able to identify the location of either.

²⁷⁴ *Esas-ı Emlak* entries # 13797, 13866 and, in Sa'ir, entry # 13346.

²⁷⁵ *Esas-ı Emlak* entries #13691, 13757, 13758, 13784, 13847, 13867. There were three grades of land in the district: 1, 2, and 3. As defined in the *Emlak* register, these were high-quality (*'ālī*), middle-quality (*vasaṭ*) and inferior (*dūn*). (See 'Amāira musha summaries, Dura, entry #9283-9284) The vast majority of the district's lands were Grade 2 lands. Grade 3 lands were usually valued less than Grade 2 lands, and Grade 1 lands were usually valued higher. While these category definitions do not make clear the criteria for determining land grades, obviously, they were related to factors such as fecundity of the soil, rockiness of the area and, quite possibly, distance from a water source.