

Table 3.4

Numbers of olive trees on plots in Sh'ib al-Fāris, Shuyukh village²⁷⁹

Village Entry #	# Trees	# Dunams	Assessed Value	Per-Dunam Value (calculated)	Trees per Dunam (calculated)	Value per Tree (calculated)	Vergi Tax (kuruş)
1	16	1.5	750	500	10.67	46.9	3
2	10	0.75	375	500	13.33	37.5	1.5
3	12	0.75	375	500	16	31.3	1.5
4	13	1	500	500	13	38.5	2
5	10	1.5	750	500	6.67	75	3
6	69	5.25	2625	500	13.14	38	10
7	2	0.25	125	500	8	62.5	0.5
8	2	0.25	125	500	8	62.5	0.5

Two sets of figures in this table have undoubtedly drawn your attention. First, as is apparent from the first and third calculated columns, in Shuyukh the method of evaluation of olive trees was exceptional, based not on a per-tree calculation but, rather, on the number of dunams on which the trees were planted, regardless of the density of planting. Second, the assessed value of Shuyukh's olive groves when calculated on a per-tree basis, as was the norm, was far below the average value assigned to olive trees in the Hebron district, which was typically two hundred kuruş per tree. In 1999, al-Shuyukhi wrote that his village's ancient olive trees continued to give generous yields,²⁸⁰ so poor returns can be ruled out as the cause for this abnormally low assessment of this sector of the village's agricultural wealth.

²⁷⁹ *Esas-ı Emlak* entries # 13736 – 13744.

²⁸⁰ Al-Shuyukhi, 12, 41.