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## STATISTICS ISSUED ON LAND OWNERSHIP

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[Text] ACCORDING to the latest statistics, there are about 3,223,000 farmers possessing five feddans or less in Egypt as against 2,642,000 farmers before the first Agrarian Reform Law of September 1952.

At that time small-hold farmers altogether possessed 2,122,000 feddans 35.4 per cent of the total cultivable land in Egypt, while they represented 94.3 per cent of all land owners.

The number of small-holders has risen by about 581,000 and the land owned by small-holders has increased by 712,000 feddans to 2,834,000 feddans. However significant change has taken place with regard to the percentage of small-holders among landlords as a whole, which moved to 95 per cent, whereas the total land possessed jumped to 51.3 per cent of the aggregate cultivable land.

The rise in the number of landlords and the lands they came to possess are due to the distribution of some 849,000 feddans, to small farmers, in accordance with the agrarian reform laws

This is the minimum land ownership in its present chart and it would be for the sake of having a true picture of land ownership to identify the ownership chart in its present ceilings.

Figures reveal that some 12,000 landlords possess 24.2 per cent of the total cultivable land. These landlords, representing 0.4 per cent, have vanished from the land ownership chart as their ratio has been included in the percentage of landlords possessing only 50 feddans which came to constitute only 0.2 per cent of the total number of landlords.

In view of income calculation the 50 feddan owner will not receive more than LE 2,500 annually by renting his land at an average rent of LE 50 per feddan, whereas the income ceiling permitted in Egypt for civil servants is LE 5,000 annually

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