

CHAPTER 4

LAND TENURE

Majority of agricultural holdings are operated by owners in Nepal. Out of the total 3,337.4 thousand land holdings in the country in 2001/02, 2,939.5 thousand (88.1%) holdings has only one form of tenure, i.e. either owned or rented from others or other form of tenure. Only 397.7 thousand (11.9%) holdings have more than one form of tenure, which may have some parcel owned and some parcels rented from others.

Of the total area of land holdings owned, 91.5 percent belongs to one form of tenure while 8.5 percent was part of the area under more than one form of tenure. The average size of holding under different types of tenure in 2001/02 is: one tenure form 0.76

hectares and more than one form of tenure 1.03 hectares.

The ownership of the holdings under one form of tenure is estimated to be 2,939.6 thousand in 2001/02. It is higher by 27.6 percent as compared to the previous census. But it has been observed that there was a decline in the number of holdings that rented from others by almost 25percent - from 47.1 thousand holdings in 1991/92 to 35.5 thousand holdings in 2001/02. Similarly the number of holdings with more than one form of tenure slightly decreased from 400.6 thousand holdings to 397.9 thousand holdings, a decrease of less than 1 percent between 1991/92 and 2001/02 agriculture censuses.

Table 4.0 Summary Statistics

| Type of tenure | 1991/92 | | 2001/02 | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | No. of holdings ('000) | Area in ha. ('000) | No. of holdings ('000) | Area in ha. ('000) |
| One tenure form | 2,303.3 | 2,152.7 | 2,939.6 | 2,241.1 |
| Owned | 2,239.1 | 2,109.5 | 2,896.2 | 2,212.8 |
| Rented from others | 47.0 | 36.1 | 35.5 | 26.3 |
| Others tenure form | 17.3 | 7.1 | 7.9 | 2.0 |
| More than one tenure form | 400.6 | 444.7 | 397.9 | 412.9 |
| Owned | - | 252.6 | - | 204.5 |
| Rented form others | - | 185.1 | - | 204.2 |
| Other tenure form | - | 7.0 | - | 4.2 |

4.1 Holdings by tenure

Land tenure refers to arrangements or rights under which the holder holds or uses the land of the holding. Land owned but rented out to others is not considered as part of the holding. A holding may be operated under one or more tenure forms, depending upon the tenure form of each parcel that comprises the holding.

In Nepal, while the average holding size is small, most of the holdings are owned. Of the 3.337 million land holdings, 88.1% has only one form of tenure, either owned, rented from others or other form of tenure. Only 11.9% of the holdings have more than one form of tenure, that is, one parcel may be owned and some parcels may be rented from others.

The female holder reported a higher proportion of holdings with only one form of tenure at 92.0% compared with 87.7% of the holdings among male holders.

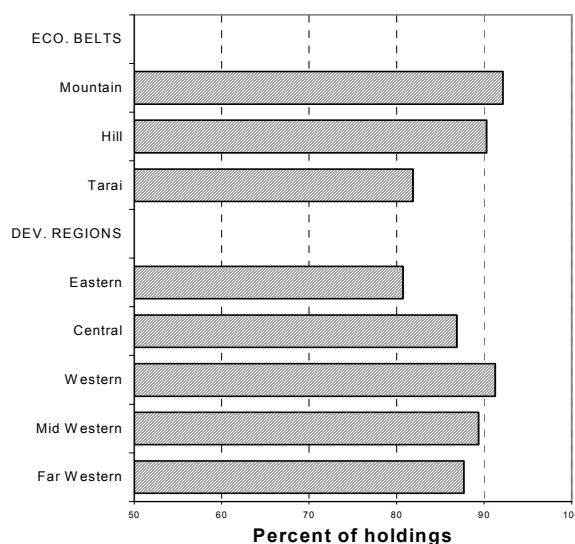
Under one form of tenure, 98.5% of the holdings owned the land with an average size of 0.76 hectare. Holdings with purely rented land comprising 1.25% of the total reported an average size of 0.74 hectare while other forms of tenure, which can either be tribal or squatter land, consisting of only 0.3% reported 0.25 hectare as the average holding size.

The same tenure form patterns, however, were observed among female as well as male holders at 98.5% owned. The only difference was that the average size of holdings owned by female holders under one form of tenure was 0.52 hectare compared with 0.79 hectare for the holdings owned by the male holders. Also for the rented holdings under one form of tenure, the female holder reported a lower average of 0.47 hectare against 0.77 hectare for the male-rented holding. It is in the "Other" form of tenure where the average size for both the female and male

holders was the same at 0.25 hectare, see TABLE 4.1.

Of the total area of landholdings owned, 91.5% belongs to one form of tenure while 8.5% was part of the area under more than one form of tenure. It was in the rented holdings where 88.6% of the total area

FIGURE 4.1: HOLDINGS WITH FULL OWNERSHIP OF LAND, 2001/02

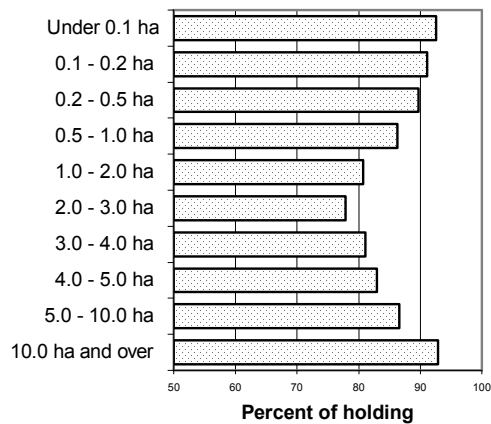


were under more than one form of tenure. The same was true for the female holdings as well as the male holdings. Only the proportions differ a little bit like 93.9% of the owned area was in one form of tenure for the female holders and 91.4% for the male holders while 6.1% of the area was under more than one form of tenure for the female holders and 8.6% for the male holders. The composition of the male holding was almost the same as the national average.

4.2 Area by tenure of land

Ownership of the area of the holding among ecological belt showed that in Tarai, only 86.8% were owned compared with higher percentages of ownership in Mountain belt at 96.7% and Hill belt at 95.7%, see TABLE 4.2.

FIGURE 4.2: HOLDINGS WITH FULL OWNERSHIP OF LAND, SIZE OF HOLDING, NEPAL, 2001/02



It is significant to observe, however, that the female holders in Tarai reported a higher proportion of ownership of land than the male holders, 90.5% for female holders and 86.7% for the male holders. In Hill belt, the female holders also reported a little bit higher proportion of ownership of land than the male holders but in the Mountain belt, the male holders have higher ownership percentage than the female holders.

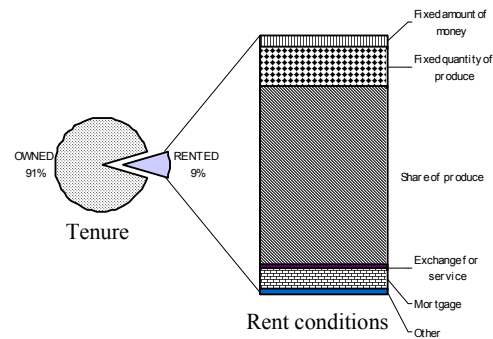
For rented land, generally, the male holders reported a higher proportion than the female holders.

The proportion of ownership of land in the five development regions was reported to be higher among the female holders than the male holders, the biggest differences were noted in Eastern and Mid-Western regions. About 91% of the female holders owned their holding compared with 85.6% among the male holders in Eastern region and about 96% of the female holders in Mid-Western region reported ownership of the land compared with only 90.3% ownership among male holders.

Like in the national pattern, the male holders reported higher proportions of rented land in all the development regions than the female holders, see TABLE 4.2.

Most holdings reported one form of tenure in all the ecological belts as well as the five development regions, the level of proportion varies not very much ranging from 83.7% in Eastern development region among the regions, and 83.9% in Tarai among the ecological belts to 91.7% in Western region and 92.6% in Mountain belt.

FIGURE 4.3: LAND TENURE, NEPAL, 2001/02
AREA OF LAND



Among the owned holdings under one form of tenure, the highest was reported also by Mountain ecological belt while Western region reported the highest proportion of ownership at 91.3% among the development regions, see TABLE 4.3

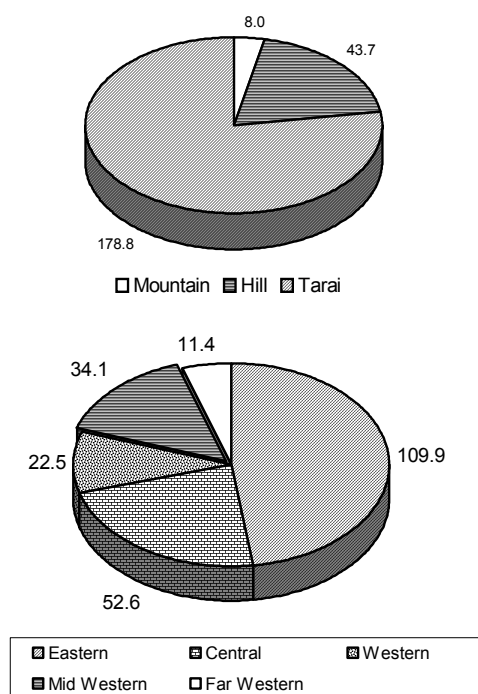
The distribution of the area of owned land by size of holdings showed that 29.2% of the owned land were found among the 1 to less than 2 hectares holding size. About 36.3% of the rented areas were also found in this holding size, see TABLE 4.4

As earlier mentioned Tarai reported the lowest proportion of ownership of land, therefore this is the belt where the incidence of tenancy is comparatively higher. In 1991/92, the proportion of holdings under more than one form of tenure was 19.2%. The figure in the 2001/02 agriculture census was 16.1%, a decrease of 3.1 percentage points. Some of these holdings and those rented holdings under one form of tenure are the tenanted

holdings either full tenants or part-owner/tenants.

There were 412.1 thousand holdings or about 12.3% of the total holdings in the country that were renting land in 2001/02. The rented land covered about 230.5 thousand hectares representing about 8.6% of the total area of land holdings in Nepal.

FIGURE 4.4: AREA OF RENTED LAND, NEPAL, 2001/02, ('000 ha)



4.3 Conditions of rent

In 1991/92 share cropping was the most common method of paying rent with 46.5% of the holding reporting such method. Share cropping involved 56.5% or 125.1 thousand hectares of the total land area being rented at that time.

In 2001/02 the proportion of sharing their produce increased to 62.2% involving a rented area of 69% of the total area being rented, which was 159 thousand hectares. Rented land with sharing of produce had

an average area of 0.62 hectare. The number of tenants sharing their produce seems to be increasing when compared to 1991/92 data while those paying a fixed amount of produce has decreased proportionally from 30.3% in 1991/92 to only 15.9% in 2001/02. Perhaps this is a better arrangement considering that it would be too risky on the part of the tenant to be paying a fixed amount of produce when no one can predict whether or not the conditions for growing crops would be better for the next cropping season.

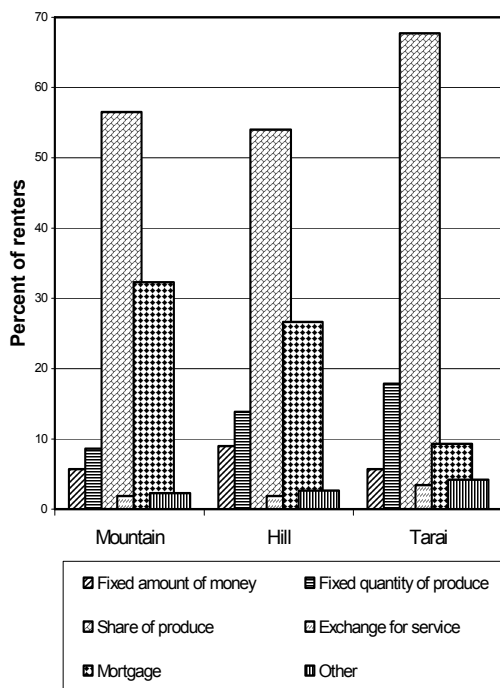
Among the female holders, a total of 23.81 thousand had been renting land (16.6% of the total) out of a total of 143.8 female holdings. Of these renters, 57.9% of them shared also their produce as the condition of rent. The total area where they share their produce was 67.4% of the total area being rented by all female holders. The average area of the holding under sharing arrangement of produce was 0.40 hectare. The average area of rented holding for a fixed amount of money was only 0.16 hectare while the area for a fixed quantity of produce was 0.38 hectare.

The conditions of rent for the male holders follow that of the national average, see TABLE 4.6.

Of the 412.1 thousand holdings renting land 242.6 thousand or 58.9% were found in Tarai belt with 67.7% of them sharing their produce as a condition of rent. Mountain belt reported the least number of holdings renting land, only 22.2 thousand or 5.4% of the total but majority of them also share their produce as condition of their rent, see TABLE 4.7.

For the distribution of renters by development region, Eastern region reported the most number with 143.9 holdings or 34.9% of the total followed closely by Central region with 129.3 holdings or 31.4% of the total holding renting some land. Share of produce was the most common arrangement in renting

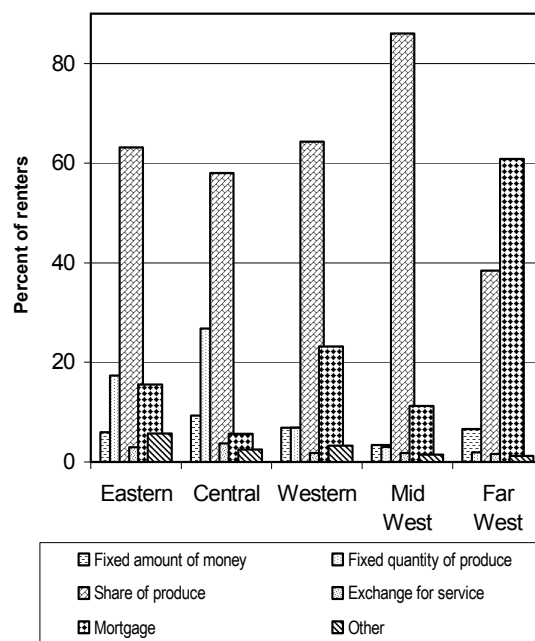
FIGURE 4.5: CONDITIONS OF RENT, ECOLOGICAL BELTS, 2001/02



the land in Eastern region, Central Region, western region and Mid-Western region. Far-Western region was different where 60.9% of its renters reported “mortgage” as the condition of rent and only 38.4% were share crop renters.

By size of holding, share of produce is still the most popular condition of renting where about two-thirds of the holdings with sizes of 0.5 hectare to 2 hectares and over reported as condition of rent.

FIGURE 4.6: CONDITIONS OF RENT, DEVELOPMENT REGIONS, 2001/02



The proportion is much lower among holdings with less than half a hectare sharing of produce (52.4%). About 22.4% among holdings with at least 2 hectares reported “fixed quantity of produce” as the condition of rent compared with only 16.7% and 14.1% for holdings with less than half a hectare and 0.5 to less than 2 hectares, respectively, see TABLE 4.9.

TABLE 4.1: NUMBER AND AREA OF LAND HOLDINGS BY TYPE OF TENURE, AND BY SEX OF HOLDER, NEPAL, 2001/02

| Type of tenure | (In thousand except Percent) | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|------------|
| | Number of Holdings | | Area in hectares | | | | | | | |
| | | | Owned | | Rented | | Other | | Total | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| All holdings | | | | | | | | | | |
| One tenure form | | | | | | | | | | |
| Owned | 2,896.2 | 98.5 | 2,212.8 | 0.76* | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,212.8 | 98.7 |
| Rented | 35.5 | 1.2 | ... | ... | 26.3 | 0.74* | ... | ... | 26.3 | 1.2 |
| Other | 7.9 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.0 | 0.25* | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| Total one tenure form | 2,939.5 | 88.1/100.0 | 2,212.8 | 91.5 | 26.3 | 11.4 | 2.0 | 32.4 | 2,241.1 | 84.4/100.0 |
| More than one tenure form | 397.9 | 11.9 | 204.5 | 8.5 | 204.2 | 88.6 | 4.2 | 67.6 | 412.8 | 15.6 |
| Total land holdings | 3,337.4 | 100.0 | 2,417.2 | 100.0 | 230.5 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 2,653.9 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | | | | | | | | | | |
| One tenure form | | | | | | | | | | |
| Owned | 243.6 | 98.5 | 127.1 | 0.52* | ... | ... | ... | ... | 127.1 | 98.7 |
| Rented | 3.4 | 1.4 | ... | ... | 1.6 | 0.47* | ... | ... | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| Other | 0.4 | 0.2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.1 | 0.25* | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total one tenure form | 247.4 | 92.0/100.0 | 127.1 | 93.9 | 1.6 | 19.5 | 0.1 | 50.0 | 128.8 | 89.6/100.0 |
| More than one tenure form | 21.6 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 80.5 | 0.1 | 50.0 | 15.0 | 10.4 |
| Total land holdings | 269.0 | 100.0 | 135.4 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 143.8 | 100.0 |
| Male holders | | | | | | | | | | |
| One tenure form | | | | | | | | | | |
| Owned | 2,652.5 | 98.5 | 2,085.6 | 0.79* | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,085.6 | 98.7 |
| Rented | 32.1 | 1.2 | ... | ... | 24.8 | 0.77* | ... | ... | 24.8 | 1.2 |
| Other | 7.5 | 0.3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.9 | 0.25* | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| Total one tenure form | 2,692.1 | 87.7/100.0 | 2,085.6 | 91.4 | 24.8 | 11.2 | 1.9 | ... | 2,112.3 | 84.1/100.0 |
| More than one tenure form | 376.3 | 12.3 | 196.2 | 8.6 | 197.6 | 88.8 | 4.1 | ... | 397.9 | 15.9 |
| Total land holdings | 3,068.4 | 100.0 | 2,281.8 | 100.0 | 222.4 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 2,510.2 | 100.0 |

*Average area in hectare by tenure.

TABLE 4.2: AREA OF LAND HOLDINGS BY TYPE OF TENURE – ECOLOGICAL BELTS AND DEVELOPMENT REGIONS, BY SEX OF HOLDER, NEPAL, 2001/02

| Area and Sex of holder | (In thousand except Percent) | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------|------------|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| | Area of holding by tenure (ha) | | | | | | | |
| | Owned | % to total | Rented | % to total | Other | % to total | Total | % to total |
| NEPAL | 2,417.2 | 91.1 | 230.5 | 8.7 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 2,653.9 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 135.5 | 94.2 | 8.2 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 143.8 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 2,281.7 | 90.9 | 222.3 | 8.9 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 2,510.1 | 100.0 |
| ECOLOGICAL BELTS | | | | | | | | |
| Mountain | 210.6 | 96.3 | 8.0 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 218.7 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 11.8 | 95.9 | 0.4 | 3.3 | a | ... | 12.3 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 198.8 | 96.3 | 7.6 | 3.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 206.4 | 100.0 |
| Hill | 994.0 | 95.7 | 43.7 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 1,038.6 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 79.6 | 95.9 | 3.3 | 4.0 | a | ... | 83.0 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 914.4 | 95.7 | 40.4 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 955.6 | 100.0 |
| Tarai | 1,212.6 | 86.8 | 178.8 | 12.8 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 1,396.6 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 44.0 | 90.5 | 4.4 | 9.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 48.6 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 1,168.6 | 86.7 | 174.4 | 12.9 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 1,348.0 | 100.0 |
| DEVELOPMENT REGIONS | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | 682.9 | 85.9 | 109.9 | 13.8 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 795.5 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 35.2 | 91.0 | 4.5 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 38.7 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 647.7 | 85.6 | 105.4 | 13.9 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 756.8 | 100.0 |
| Central | 696.5 | 92.8 | 52.6 | 7.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 750.2 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 30.1 | 94.7 | 1.7 | 5.3 | a | ... | 31.8 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 666.4 | 92.8 | 50.9 | 7.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 718.4 | 100.0 |
| Western | 488.8 | 95.4 | 22.5 | 4.4 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 512.2 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 46.0 | 95.8 | 2.0 | 4.2 | a | ... | 48.0 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 442.8 | 95.4 | 20.5 | 4.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 464.2 | 100.0 |
| Mid Western | 335.7 | 90.6 | 34.1 | 9.2 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 370.7 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 16.5 | 95.9 | 0.7 | 4.1 | a | ... | 17.2 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 319.2 | 90.3 | 33.4 | 9.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 353.5 | 100.0 |
| Far Western | 213.4 | 94.7 | 11.4 | 5.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 225.4 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 7.7 | 96.3 | 0.3 | 3.8 | a | ... | 8.0 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 205.7 | 94.6 | 11.1 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 217.4 | 100.0 |

a/Less than 50 hectares

TABLE 4.3: NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LAND HOLDINGS BY TYPE OF TENURE -
ECOLOGICAL BELTS AND DEVELOPMENT REGIONS, 2001/02

| Area and sex of holder | One tenure form | | | | More than one tenure form | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| | Owned | Rented | Other | Total | | |
| Number of holdings ('000) | | | | | | |
| NEPAL | 2,896.2 | 35.5 | 7.9 | 2,939.5 | 397.9 | 3,337.4 |
| Female holder | 244.4 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 248.3 | 21.6 | 269.9 |
| Male holder | 2,651.8 | 32.0 | 7.4 | 2,691.2 | 376.3 | 3,067.5 |
| ECOLOGICAL BELTS | | | | | | |
| Mountain | 273.9 | 1.4 | a | 275.3 | 22.0 | 297.2 |
| Female holder | 19.9 | 0.2 | a | 20.0 | 1.3 | 21.3 |
| Male holder | 254.0 | 1.2 | a | 255.3 | 20.7 | 275.9 |
| Hill | 1,427.9 | 12.1 | 1.0 | 1,441.0 | 140.4 | 1,581.4 |
| Female holder | 155.4 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 157.6 | 13.4 | 171.1 |
| Male holder | 1,272.5 | 10.0 | 0.9 | 1,283.4 | 127.0 | 1,410.4 |
| Tarai | 1,194.4 | 22.0 | 6.9 | 1,223.3 | 235.5 | 1,458.8 |
| Female holder | 69.1 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 70.7 | 6.8 | 77.5 |
| Male holder | 1,125.3 | 20.8 | 6.5 | 1,152.6 | 228.7 | 1,381.3 |
| DEVELOPMENT REGIONS | | | | | | |
| Eastern | 645.7 | 18.9 | 4.3 | 669.0 | 130.7 | 799.7 |
| Female holder | 48.7 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 50.5 | 5.0 | 55.5 |
| Male holder | 597.0 | 17.4 | 4.0 | 618.5 | 125.7 | 744.2 |
| Central | 892.3 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 905.3 | 121.6 | 1,026.9 |
| Female holder | 63.0 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 64.4 | 5.7 | 70.1 |
| Male holder | 829.3 | 10.6 | 0.8 | 840.9 | 115.9 | 956.8 |
| Western | 649.6 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 652.6 | 59.1 | 711.7 |
| Female holder | 91.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 91.9 | 7.5 | 99.4 |
| Male holder | 558.4 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 560.7 | 51.6 | 612.3 |
| Mid Western | 417.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 420.7 | 46.7 | 467.4 |
| Female holder | 27.1 | 0.1 | a | 27.2 | 1.7 | 28.9 |
| Male holder | 390.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 393.5 | 45.0 | 438.5 |
| Far Western | 290.8 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 292.0 | 39.7 | 331.7 |
| Female holder | 14.3 | a | a | 14.3 | 1.6 | 15.9 |
| Male holder | 276.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 277.7 | 38.1 | 315.8 |

a/ Less than 50 holdings

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TABLE 4.3: NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LAND HOLDINGS BY TYPE OF TENURE –
ECOLOGICAL BELTS AND DEVELOPMENT REGIONS, 2001/02

| Area and sex of holder | One tenure form | | | | More than one tenure form | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Owned | Rented | Other | Total | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | |
| NEPAL | 86.8 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 88.1 | 11.9 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 90.6 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 92.0 | 8.0 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 86.4 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 87.7 | 12.3 | 100.0 |
| ECOLOGICAL BELTS | | | | | | |
| Mountain | 92.1 | 0.5 | * | 92.6 | 7.4 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 93.4 | 0.9 | * | 93.9 | 6.1 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 92.0 | 0.4 | * | 92.5 | 7.5 | 100.0 |
| Hill | 90.3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 91.1 | 8.9 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 90.8 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 92.1 | 7.8 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 90.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 91.0 | 9.0 | 100.0 |
| Tarai | 81.9 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 83.9 | 16.1 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 89.2 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 91.2 | 8.8 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 81.5 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 83.4 | 16.6 | 100.0 |
| DEVELOPMENT REGIONS | | | | | | |
| Eastern | 80.7 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 83.7 | 16.3 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 87.7 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 91.0 | 9.0 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 80.2 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 83.1 | 16.9 | 100.0 |
| Central | 86.9 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 88.2 | 11.8 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 89.9 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 91.9 | 8.1 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 86.7 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 87.9 | 12.1 | 100.0 |
| Western | 91.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 91.7 | 8.3 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 91.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 92.5 | 7.5 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 91.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 91.6 | 8.4 | 100.0 |
| Mid Western | 89.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 90.0 | 10.0 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 93.8 | 0.3 | * | 94.1 | 5.9 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 89.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 89.7 | 10.3 | 100.0 |
| Far Western | 87.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 88.0 | 12.0 | 100.0 |
| Female holder | 89.9 | * | * | 89.9 | 10.1 | 100.0 |
| Male holder | 87.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 87.9 | 12.1 | 100.0 |

*/Less than 0.1%.

TABLE 4.4: AREA OF LAND HOLDINGS BY TYPE OF TENURE AND SIZE OF HOLDING,
NEPAL, 2001/02

| (In thousand except Percent) | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----------------------|
| Size of holding | Type of tenure | | | | | | | | % land owned to Total |
| | Owned | | Rented | | Other | | Total | | |
| | Area | % | Area | % | Area | % | Area | % | |
| All holdings | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 0.1 ha | 12.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 14.0 | 0.5 | 88.5 |
| 0.1 - 0.2 ha | 46.5 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 53.1 | 1.9 | 87.5 |
| 0.2 - 0.5 ha | 306.7 | 12.7 | 19.3 | 8.4 | 1.1 | 16.9 | 348.1 | 12.2 | 88.1 |
| 0.5 - 1.0 ha | 594.4 | 24.6 | 45.4 | 19.7 | 1.9 | 30.1 | 685.9 | 24.0 | 86.7 |
| 1.0 - 2.0 ha | 706.6 | 29.2 | 83.7 | 36.3 | 1.7 | 27.9 | 857.5 | 30.0 | 82.4 |
| 2.0 - 3.0 ha | 325.5 | 13.5 | 45.3 | 19.7 | 0.4 | 7.1 | 404.3 | 14.2 | 80.5 |
| 3.0 - 4.0 ha | 158.0 | 6.5 | 17.3 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 5.9 | 189.7 | 6.6 | 83.3 |
| 4.0 - 5.0 ha | 82.4 | 3.4 | 6.8 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 95.6 | 3.3 | 86.2 |
| 5.0 - 10.0 ha | 132.1 | 5.5 | 7.4 | 3.2 | 0.2 | 3.3 | 148.4 | 5.2 | 89.0 |
| 10.0 ha and over | 52.6 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 57.1 | 2.0 | 92.2 |
| Total | 2,417.2 | 100.0 | 230.5 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 2,853.9 | 100.0 | 84.7 |
| Female holders | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 0.1 ha | 1.60 | 1.2 | 0.07 | 0.8 | 0.01 | 6.4 | 1.67 | 1.2 | 95.5 |
| 0.1 - 0.2 ha | 5.37 | 4.0 | 0.33 | 4.0 | 0.01 | 9.2 | 5.72 | 4.0 | 94.0 |
| 0.2 - 0.5 ha | 29.41 | 21.7 | 1.49 | 18.2 | 0.06 | 40.5 | 30.96 | 21.5 | 95.0 |
| 0.5 - 1.0 ha | 42.04 | 31.0 | 1.93 | 23.6 | 0.05 | 34.7 | 44.03 | 30.6 | 95.5 |
| 1.0 - 2.0 ha | 34.88 | 25.8 | 2.79 | 34.2 | 0.01 | 7.8 | 37.68 | 26.2 | 92.6 |
| 2.0 - 3.0 ha | 11.61 | 8.6 | 0.95 | 11.7 | 0.00 | 1.1 | 12.57 | 8.7 | 92.4 |
| 3.0 - 4.0 ha | 4.63 | 3.4 | 0.23 | 2.8 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 4.86 | 3.4 | 95.3 |
| 4.0 - 5.0 ha | 1.64 | 1.2 | 0.34 | 4.1 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 1.98 | 1.4 | 82.9 |
| 5.0 - 10.0 ha | 4.04 | 3.0 | 0.04 | 0.5 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 4.08 | 2.8 | 99.0 |
| 10.0 ha and over | 0.21 | 0.2 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.21 | 0.1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 135.45 | 100.0 | 8.16 | 100.0 | 0.16 | 100.0 | 143.77 | 100.0 | 94.2 |
| Male holders | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 0.1 ha | 10.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 3.3 | 11.6 | 0.5 | 93.5 |
| 0.1 - 0.2 ha | 41.1 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 44.1 | 1.8 | 93.2 |
| 0.2 - 0.5 ha | 277.3 | 12.2 | 17.8 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 16.3 | 296.1 | 11.8 | 93.6 |
| 0.5 - 1.0 ha | 552.3 | 24.2 | 43.5 | 19.5 | 1.8 | 30.0 | 597.6 | 23.8 | 92.4 |
| 1.0 - 2.0 ha | 671.7 | 29.4 | 80.9 | 36.4 | 1.7 | 28.4 | 754.3 | 30.0 | 89.0 |
| 2.0 - 3.0 ha | 313.9 | 13.8 | 44.3 | 19.9 | 0.4 | 7.3 | 358.7 | 14.3 | 87.5 |
| 3.0 - 4.0 ha | 153.4 | 6.7 | 17.1 | 7.7 | 0.4 | 6.0 | 170.8 | 6.8 | 89.8 |
| 4.0 - 5.0 ha | 80.8 | 3.5 | 6.4 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 87.3 | 3.5 | 92.6 |
| 5.0 - 10.0 ha | 128.1 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 135.7 | 5.4 | 94.4 |
| 10.0 ha and over | 52.4 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 54.0 | 2.2 | 97.1 |
| Total | 2,281.8 | 100.0 | 222.3 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 2,510.2 | 100.0 | 90.9 |

TABLE 4.5: PERCENT OF LAND HOLDINGS BY TYPE OF TENURE , SIZE OF HOLDING, AND SEX OF HOLDER, NEPAL, 2001/02

| (percent of holdings) | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Size of holdings | One tenure form | | | | More than one tenure form | Total | Total holdings ('000) |
| | Owned | Rented | Other | Total | | | |
| All holdings | | | | | | | |
| Under 0.1 ha | 92.6 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 96.5 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 260.5 |
| 0.1 - 0.2 ha | 91.0 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 93.0 | 7.0 | 100.0 | 346.1 |
| 0.2 - 0.5 ha | 89.7 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 90.6 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 972.3 |
| 0.5 - 1.0 ha | 86.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 87.1 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 915.7 |
| 1.0 - 2.0 ha | 80.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 81.7 | 18.3 | 100.0 | 588.6 |
| 2.0 - 3.0 ha | 77.9 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 79.4 | 20.6 | 100.0 | 157.0 |
| 3.0 - 4.0 ha | 81.1 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 82.7 | 17.3 | 100.0 | 51.6 |
| 4.0 - 5.0 ha | 83.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 83.9 | 16.1 | 100.0 | 20.2 |
| 5.0 - 10.0 ha | 86.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 87.3 | 12.7 | 100.0 | 21.6 |
| 10.0 ha and over | 92.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 92.9 | 7.1 | 100.0 | 3.8 |
| Total | 86.8 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 88.1 | 11.9 | 100.0 | 3,337.4 |
| Female holdings | | | | | | | |
| Under 0.1 ha | 93.5 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 96.6 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 32.94 |
| 0.1 - 0.2 ha | 91.6 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 93.8 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 40.90 |
| 0.2 - 0.5 ha | 91.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 92.2 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 94.49 |
| 0.5 - 1.0 ha | 90.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 90.9 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 64.34 |
| 1.0 - 2.0 ha | 85.6 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 87.0 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 28.53 |
| 2.0 - 3.0 ha | 85.6 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 86.6 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 5.34 |
| 3.0 - 4.0 ha | 87.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 87.4 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 1.44 |
| 4.0 - 5.0 ha | 74.1 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 87.4 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 0.43 |
| 5.0 - 10.0 ha | 93.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 93.1 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 0.58 |
| 10.0 ha and over | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.02 |
| Total | 90.5 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 92.0 | 8.0 | 100.0 | 269.89 |
| Male holdings | | | | | | | |
| Under 0.1 ha | 92.4 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 96.5 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 227.61 |
| 0.1 - 0.2 ha | 91.0 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 92.9 | 7.1 | 100.0 | 305.22 |
| 0.2 - 0.5 ha | 89.5 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 90.5 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 877.77 |
| 0.5 - 1.0 ha | 86.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 86.8 | 13.2 | 100.0 | 851.34 |
| 1.0 - 2.0 ha | 80.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 81.4 | 18.6 | 100.0 | 560.12 |
| 2.0 - 3.0 ha | 77.6 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 79.2 | 20.8 | 100.0 | 151.69 |
| 3.0 - 4.0 ha | 80.9 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 82.6 | 17.4 | 100.0 | 50.14 |
| 4.0 - 5.0 ha | 83.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 83.8 | 16.2 | 100.0 | 19.81 |
| 5.0 - 10.0 ha | 86.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 87.1 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 21.00 |
| 10.0 ha and over | 92.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 92.8 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 3.76 |
| Total | 86.8 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 87.7 | 12.3 | 100.0 | 3068.45 |

TABLE 4.6: HOLDINGS RENTING LAND AND AREA OF LAND RENTED BY CONDITIONS OF RENT, NEPAL, 2001/02

| Conditions of rent* | Holdings Number ('000) | Area of rented land | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|
| | | Percent | Area ('000 ha) | Percent | Average (ha) |
| All holdings | | | | | |
| Fixed amount of money | 28.42 | 6.9 | 11.44 | 5.0 | 0.40 |
| Fixed quantity of produce | 65.64 | 15.9 | 35.27 | 15.3 | 0.54 |
| Share of produce | 256.45 | 62.2 | 159.03 | 69.0 | 0.62 |
| Exchange for service | 11.42 | 2.8 | 2.58 | 1.1 | 0.23 |
| Mortgage | 69.12 | 16.8 | 18.94 | 8.2 | 0.27 |
| Other | 14.49 | 3.5 | 3.23 | 1.4 | 0.22 |
| Total holdings renting land | 412.07 | 100.0 | 230.48 | 100.0 | 0.56 |
| Female holders | | | | | |
| Fixed amount of money | 1.88 | 7.9 | 0.30 | 3.7 | 0.16 |
| Fixed quantity of produce | 2.54 | 10.7 | 0.96 | 11.7 | 0.38 |
| Share of produce | 13.78 | 57.9 | 5.50 | 67.4 | 0.40 |
| Exchange for service | 0.30 | 1.2 | 0.06 | 0.8 | 0.22 |
| Mortgage | 5.46 | 22.9 | 1.18 | 14.5 | 0.22 |
| Other | 1.27 | 5.3 | 0.16 | 1.9 | 0.12 |
| Total holdings renting land | 23.81 | 100.0 | 8.16 | 100.0 | 0.34 |
| Male holders | | | | | |
| Fixed amount of money | 26.54 | 6.8 | 11.14 | 5.0 | 0.42 |
| Fixed quantity of produce | 63.10 | 16.3 | 34.31 | 15.4 | 0.54 |
| Share of produce | 242.67 | 62.5 | 153.53 | 69.1 | 0.63 |
| Exchange for service | 11.12 | 2.9 | 2.51 | 1.1 | 0.23 |
| Mortgage | 63.66 | 16.4 | 17.76 | 8.0 | 0.28 |
| Other | 13.22 | 3.4 | 3.07 | 1.4 | 0.23 |
| Total holdings renting land | 388.26 | 100.0 | 222.32 | 100.0 | 0.57 |

* Some holdings reported more than one condition

TABLE 4.7: NUMBER OF HOLDINGS RENTING LAND BY CONDITIONS OF RENT, ECOLOGICAL BELT, 2001/02

| Conditions of rent* | Ecological belt | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Mountain | % | Hill | % | Tarai | % | Nepal | % |
| Fixed amount of money | 1.3 | 5.8 | 13.2 | 9.0 | 13.9 | 5.7 | 28.4 | 6.9 |
| Fixed quantity of produce | 1.9 | 8.6 | 20.3 | 13.8 | 43.4 | 17.9 | 65.6 | 15.9 |
| Share of produce | 12.6 | 56.5 | 79.6 | 54.0 | 164.3 | 67.7 | 256.4 | 62.2 |
| Exchange for service | 0.4 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 8.3 | 3.4 | 11.4 | 2.8 |
| Mortgage | 7.2 | 32.3 | 39.3 | 26.7 | 22.7 | 9.3 | 69.1 | 16.8 |
| Other | 0.5 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 2.7 | 10.1 | 4.2 | 14.5 | 3.5 |
| Total holdings renting land | 22.2 | 100.0 | 147.2 | 100.0 | 242.6 | 100.0 | 412.1 | 100.0 |

*Some holdings reported more than one condition

TABLE 4.8: NUMBER OF HOLDINGS RENTING LAND BY CONDITIONS OF RENT, DEVELOPMENT REGION, 2001/02

| Conditions of rent* | Development region | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| | Eastern | Central | Western | Mid West | Far West | Nepal |
| Number of holdings ('000) | | | | | | |
| Fixed amount of money | 8.5 | 12.0 | 4.0 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 28.4 |
| Fixed quantity of produce | 24.9 | 34.6 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 65.6 |
| Share of produce | 90.9 | 75.1 | 37.4 | 40.0 | 13.1 | 256.4 |
| Exchange for service | 4.2 | 4.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 11.4 |
| Mortgage | 22.4 | 7.2 | 13.5 | 5.2 | 20.8 | 69.1 |
| Other | 8.3 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 14.5 |
| Total holdings renting land | 143.9 | 129.3 | 58.2 | 46.5 | 34.2 | 412.1 |
| Percent | | | | | | |
| Fixed amount of money | 5.9 | 9.3 | 6.8 | 3.4 | 6.7 | 6.9 |
| Fixed quantity of produce | 17.3 | 26.8 | 6.9 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 15.9 |
| Share of produce | 63.1 | 58.0 | 64.3 | 86.0 | 38.4 | 62.2 |
| Exchange for service | 2.9 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.8 |
| Mortgage | 15.5 | 5.6 | 23.2 | 11.3 | 60.9 | 16.8 |
| Other | 5.8 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 3.5 |
| Total holdings renting land | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

*Some holdings reported more than one condition

TABLE 4.9: PERCENT OF HOLDINGS RENTING LAND BY CONDITIONS OF RENT AND SIZE OF HOLDING, NEPAL, 2001/02

| Conditions of rent* | (percent of renters) | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| | Size of holding (ha) | | | |
| | <0.5 | 0.5 < 2 | 2 & over | Total |
| Fixed amount of money | 8.6 | 5.7 | 7.7 | 6.9 |
| Fixed quantity of produce | 16.7 | 14.1 | 22.4 | 15.9 |
| Share of produce | 52.4 | 66.9 | 67.7 | 62.2 |
| Exchange for service | 5.2 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.8 |
| Mortgage | 16.4 | 18.0 | 12.1 | 16.8 |
| Other | 5.7 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Holdings renting land ('000) | 134.6 | 228.4 | 49.1 | 412.1 |

*Some holdings reported more than one condition

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