What do Households Produce?

1. Work on farm
   food for consumption and sale

2. Work in home
   food preparation, processing
   clothing
   home maintenance
   water and fuel
   reproduction, child care

3. Household industries

4. Off-farm work

5. Leisure, recreation, rest, sleep

Peasant Household Decisions
and Changing Technology

Issues to consider

• What farming activity is affected?

• Whose resources in the household are affected?

• Which person in the household is affected, and how can she/he be expected to respond?
Peasant Household Goals

To maximize:

- satisfaction as consumers
- gain as producers

Accomplish this by combining

- money earned
- what produce from total household resources

Household Resources

- Farmland, animals, equipment
- Level of technology
- Labor - attributes:  
  - who?
  - how much?
  - where?

Who: adult
  - men
  - women
  - boys
  - children
  - girls
  - others

How much: time for all activities

Where:  
- on the farm
- in the house
- off the farm
- in school, for children
24 hours
7 days
Who Controls Non-labor Resources?

- Land and livestock resources
- What crops to produce
- Disposition of production
- Control over income
- Off-farm opportunities

Household Responsibilities of Men, Women, Children?

- Food and wool animals vs. draft
- Water and fuel gathering
- Plowing, planting, harvesting
- Household industry