Some amateur economists have challenged Finley because he doesn't take into account very simple mechanisms such as money supply and velocity of money in the ancient economy. Yet, he does answer these critics. In an economy based solely on silver coin such an analysis would be an anachronism. The money supply could only be the amount of silver available. While I would have liked to see more investigation into possible export led production - such as Archaic Korinthos - the work was an incite into the ancient economy.

Arizona - Economy: Before World War II the focus of Arizona’s economy was primary production – mineral extraction, lumbering, cattle raising, and crop growing. Since the late 1940s the focus has shifted toward manufacturing industry and services, the economy becoming one that better represents the country’s growing affluence and technology. This is especially true of the Phoenix area, where a vibrant high-technology economy has arisen. Good soil, plenty of irrigation water, and a long growing season enable Arizona to produce cotton, alfalfa, and a variety of grains, vegetables, fruits.

Nonfuel Minerals in the U.S. Economy. 1999 Net Import Reliance. Significant Events, Trends and Issues. The value of processed materials of mineral origin produced in the United States during 1999 was estimated to be $422 billion, which was essentially the same as in 1998. The estimated value of U.S. raw nonfuel minerals production in 1999 was over $39.1 billion, a slight decrease compared with that of 1998, mostly because of reduced metal prices, and the second decline in as many years.