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## **Terraces, Technology, Land, and Labor in Mycenaean Greece**

For the Mycenaean palatial period, we understand, to some extent, palatial involvement in food production. Elites managed land and animals and focused on the production of crops like wheat, barley, and figs. But the cultivation practices of actual farmers are less clear. I propose that the Mycenaean palaces played a role in the widespread adoption of technology (the plow, traction animals, and agricultural terracing) that significantly changed how farmers farmed. This technology, while advantageous in some ways, may also have played a role in deeper social changes, including the distribution of work and the division of labor.

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