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## *Der Ährenmann* [The Man in the Wheatfield]



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Eckart Irion, a German researcher and cultivator of new types of grain, uses natural selection to develop seeds for growing rye (*Secale cereale*), wheat (*Triticum aestivum*), and oats (*Avena sativa*). The process involves growing his own feed for his cows, horses, chickens, and ducks, which in turn provide the fertilizer for growing the grain. The original German title contains a wordplay: “Ehrenmann” (English for gentleman) spelled with an “Ä” incorporates the German word “Ähre” into the title. Ähre translates as “ear,” in the sense of the part of a cereal plant that contains the grains. (Source: Adapted from the [Official Film Website](#))

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