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***Der Bauer, der das Gras wachsen hört* [The farmer who hears the grass growing]**

Verhaag, Bertram. *Der Bauer, der das Gras wachsen hört* [The farmer who hears the grass growing]. Munich: DENKmal-Film, 2009. DVCAM, 45 min.

Michael Simml converted to organic farming in the early 1980s. He was a pioneer – one of the first organic farmers in Germany. He did his best to ignore the neighbours' sceptical whispers. Nowadays, Simml brings in bumper harvests from just 18 hectares of ground in the Bavarian Forest. And the doubters? They've long changed their minds. So what's Simml's recipe for success? Crop rotation, working together with earthworms and beetles, and the ability to understand what the ground is trying to tell him when weeds start growing out of it. (Source: [Official Film Website](#) )

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