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the 100-year-old György Bálint, by József Sipos in 2018.*

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**Text of video (EN):**

My choice of profession derives from my family. Our farmland goes back to a past of more than 100 years. The original land is our property, thanks to my grandfather. It was him and my father who set an example of the love of farmland when I was a child.

I continued my studies in this area. I became an agricultural engineer, I passed my apicultural exam and then at the university I got a degree of a plant doctor, and agricultural engineer besides graduating as a teacher of engineering.

In Hódmezővásárhely, just like in the other places of the Great Plain, people have been working in agriculture since ancient times. In the southern part of the plain growing paprika, onion and garlic is typical, but grain crops, maize, sunflower and rape are grown on large territories as well. The importance of apiculture is also outstanding.

Thanks to God, great part of people tend to feed upon healthy food in a conscious way. They are willing to buy locally-grown vegetables, fruits, commodities and products made locally from local growers. It is worth for the farmers switching to this kind of production because there is need and demand for it.

On my own farm I am rearing bees besides crop production. I myself sell honey and apicultural products made by me at neighboring fairs.

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After World War II agricultural production became chemicalized in Hungary. The so-called “socialist economy” gave up traditional ways of production and started to use intensive chemical substances. These were the chemical fertilizers, yield increasing materials and insecticides. As a result of this the status of the soils gradually declined, people got different kinds of illnesses because of the food produced with the use of chemicals.

Having been cured from a serious illness I recognized that all this has to be altered, we have to return to the “original”, environment-conscious production and also that I must take an active hand in it.

In fact “Farmer Sipos” program is a kind of mission for me to deliver plant-protecting, horticultural and small garden knowledge to farmers and to follow young farmers through their production that is from the farmland to the table. I am trying hard to bring my own products and those produced by others to the market.