

Ernesto da Silva

Ernesto da Silva is originally from Minas Gerais, Brazil. He is currently a PhD student in Dr. Vinson Doyle's lab at Louisiana State University. The primary goals of his research are to determine the genetic diversity and population structure of *Cercospora* species associated with *Cercospora* leaf blight on soybean in the Southern United States with the ultimate objective to develop management strategies that will mitigate the disease caused by these fungi. Ernesto received his Master's degree in Plant Pathology from the Federal University of Vicosa, Brazil, where he studied the biochemical and physiological responses of wheat against *Magnaporthe oryzae*. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Agronomic Engineering at the Federal University of Vicosa, Brazil.