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SUMMARY

I am currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Agronomy at Iowa State University, with an interest in data science, statistics, and process-based model applications in agriculture. Alongside my Ph.D. in Crop Production and Physiology, I am also working toward a Minor in Statistics. My research focuses on using digital tools- such as yield monitors, remotely sensed data, and crop models- to quantify and manage the spatio-temporal variability of cropping systems for efficient crop production. There are several research areas that fascinate me. A short list of those would be: crop physiology, crop models, remote sensing, soil fertility, and statistical models.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Crop Production and Physiology **December of 2025***

**expected graduation date*

Department of Agronomy
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, US

Minor in Statistics
Major advisor: Fernando Miguez

M.S., Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences **2020**

Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, US

Major advisors: Larry Purcell and Trent Roberts
*Thesis: Managing corn nitrogen fertility in
Arkansas based on data from an unmanned aerial system*

B.S., Agronomy **2018**

College of Agriculture “Luiz de Queiroz”
University of Sao Paulo, Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Major advisor: Jose Laercio Favarin
*Thesis: Determination of the water potential
threshold at which rice growth is impacted*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate research assistant **2020 - present**

Department of Agronomy
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa, US

Graduate research assistant **2018 - 2020**

Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas, US

Undergraduate visiting scholar **2017**

Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas, US

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS	Undergraduate research fellow Department of Crop Production University of Sao Paulo Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil	2016 - 2017
	Research Excellence Award Graduate College Iowa State University	2025
	3rd Place in the PhD Poster Competition Precision Agriculture Systems Community San Antonio, Texas, US	2024
	Preparing Future Faculty Fellow Graduate College Iowa State University	2024
	Agronomy Teaching Fellowship Department of Agronomy Iowa State University	2023
	Outstanding Master's Student Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences University of Arkansas	2020
	2nd Place in the master's division at Gamma Sigma Delta Student Competition Fayetteville, Arkansas, US	2019
	Undergraduate Research Fellowship The São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) <i>Research title: Determination of the water potential threshold at which rice growth is impacted</i>	2017

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

1. **dos Santos**, C.L., & Miguez, F.E. (2024). PACU: Precision Agriculture Computational Utilities. *SoftwareX*, 28, 101971.
2. Pessotto, M. V., Roberts, T.L., Bertucci, M., **dos Santos**, C., Ross, J., and Savin, M. (2023). Determining cardinal temperatures for eight cover crop species. *Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment*, 6, e20393.
3. **dos Santos**, C. L., Miguez, F. E., King, K. A., Ruiz, A., Sciarresi, C., Baum, M. E., Danalatos, G. J. N., Stellman, M., Wiley, E., Pico, L.O., Thies, A., Puntel, L. A., Topp, C. N., Trifunovic, S., Eudy, D., Mensah, C., Edwards, J. W., Schnable, P. S., Lamkey, K. R., . . . , and Archontoulis, S. V. (2023). Accelerated leaf appearance and flowering in maize after four decades of commercial breeding. *Crop Science*, 1–13.
4. Ruiz, A., Trifunovic, S., Eudy, D.M., Sciarresi, S. C., Baum, M., Danalatos, G.J.N., Elli, E.F., Kalogeropoulos, G., King, K., **dos Santos**, C.L., Thies, A., Pico, L.O., Castellano, M.J., Schnable, P.K., Topp, C., Graham, M., Lamkey, K.R., Vyn, T.J., and Archontoulis, S.V.

- (2023). Harvest Index has increased over the last 50 years of maize breeding. *Field Crops Research*, 300, 10900.
5. **dos Santos**, C.L.; Abendroth, L.J.; Coulter, J.A.; Nafziger, E.D.; Suyker, A.; Yu, J.; Schnable, P.S.; Archontoulis, S.V. (2022). Maize leaf appearance rates: a synthesis from the United States corn belt. *Frontiers in Plant Science*, 13.
 6. **dos Santos**, C.L., T.L. Roberts, and L.C. Purcell. (2021). Leaf nitrogen sufficiency level guidelines for midseason fertilization in corn. *Agronomy Journal*, 113, 1974-1980.
 7. **dos Santos**, C.L., T.L. Roberts, L.C. Purcell. (2020). Canopy greenness as a midseason nitrogen management tool in corn production. *Agronomy Journal*. 112, 5279-5287.
 8. **dos Santos**, C.L., M. Salmeron, and L.C. Purcell. (2019). Soybean phenology prediction tool for the Midsouth. *Agricultural and Environmental Letters*, 4, 190036.
 9. **dos Santos**, C.L., A.F. De Borja Reis, P. Mazzafera, J.L. Favarin. (2018). Determination of the water potential threshold at which rice growth is impacted. *Plants* 7, 48.

Extension publications

1. Purcell, L.C., C.L. **dos Santos**, and M. Salmerón. (2021). Soybean development stage predictions. Cooperative Extension Service, University of Arkansas.
2. Hoegenauer, K. A., Roberts, T. L., Kelley, J. P., Morgan, R. B., & **dos Santos**, C. L. (2020). Investigating corn response to magnesium on a deficient soil in Arkansas. *Arkansas Soil Fertility Studies*, 38.
3. **dos Santos**, C.L., T.L. Roberts and L.C. Purcell. (2020). Dark Green Color Index as a midseason nitrogen management tool in corn production systems. In N.A.Slaton (eds.). Wayne E. Sabbe *Arkansas Soil Fertility Studies 2019*, (In press). Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Fayetteville.
4. **dos Santos**, C.L., T.L. Roberts and L.C. Purcell. (2020). Nitrogen sufficiency level guidelines for pretassel fertilization in Arkansas. In N.A.Slaton (eds.). Wayne E. Sabbe *Arkansas Soil Fertility Studies 2019*, (In press). Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Fayetteville.
5. **dos Santos**, C.L., L.C. Purcell, and W.J. Ross. (2018). Developing a new staging system for soybean. In: J.D. Ross (eds.). *Arkansas Soybean Research Series 2016*. (In press). Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Fayetteville.

Conference abstracts

1. Carvalho-Moore, P., Norsworthy, J., Porri, A., **dos Santos**, C.L., Barber, T., Sudhakar, S., Meiners, I., & Lerchl, J. (2025). Is glufosinate resistance in Palmer Amaranth spreading in Mississippi County, Arkansas? Southern Weed Science Society Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC.
2. **dos Santos**, C.L. & Miguez, F. (2025). Steering clear of noise in on-farm yield data. NC1210 Data Intensive Farm Management Conference, Cleawater, FL.
3. Andrade Pereira, P., Carvalho Costa, K., Elli, E. F., & **dos Santos**, C. (2024). Diverging responses in transpiration of soybean genotypes to vapor pressure deficit. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
4. Elli, E. F., Fernandes, S. B., Noia, R. D. S. Jr., & **dos Santos**, C.L. (2024) Soybean phenology adaptation to climate change: a straightforward solution? ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

5. **dos Santos**, C.L. & Miguez, F. (2024). PACU: Precision Agriculture Computational Utilities. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
6. Cesario Pereira Pinto, J. G., Balboa, G. R., Mueller, N. D., Slater, G. P., Frels, K., **dos Santos**, C.L., Miguez, F., & Puntel, L. A. (2024) Evaluation of apsim next generation for simulating winter wheat growth, phenology, and yield response to N. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
7. **dos Santos**, C.L. & Miguez, F. (2024). Steering clear of noise in on-farm yield data. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
8. **dos Santos**, C. L., Puntel, L., Bullock, D. & Miguez, F. (2024). Integrating nonlinear models and remotely sensed data to estimate crop cardinal dates. ICPA-ISPA, Manhattan, KS.
9. **dos Santos**, C., Puntel, L. A., Bullock, D., & Miguez, F. (2023) Integrating nonlinear models and remotely sensed data to estimate crop cardinal dates. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
10. Cesario Pereira Pinto, J. G., Mueller, N. D., Balboa, G. R., **dos Santos**, C., & Puntel, L. A. (2023) Assessing APSIM's performance in simulating winter wheat growth, phenology, and nitrogen uptake in Nebraska. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
11. Di Salvo, J., Elli, E. F., **dos Santos**, C., Damecharla, H., Gilsinger, J., Coulibaly, I., Pita, F., Cavanagh, C., Licht, M. A., Cooper, M., Hammer, G. L., & Archontoulis, S. V. (2021) "Modeling growth and development of soybean maturity groups 0 to 7 in Iowa" . ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
12. **dos Santos**, C., Thies, A., Verhagen, G., King, K., Baum, M. E., Sciarresi, C., Di Salvo, J., Wright, E. E., Danalatos, G. J. N., Olmedo Pico, L. B., Mensah, C., Eudy, D., Miguez, F., Topp, C., Trifunovic, S., Lamkey, K. R., Vyn, T. J., & Archontoulis, S. V. (2021) Leaf appearance rates of maize hybrids released from 1980 to 2020. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
13. Sciarresi, C., Thies, A., **dos Santos**, C., Baum, M. E., Danalatos, G. J. N., Di Salvo, J., King, K., Ruiz, A., Trifunovic, S., Eudy, D., Topp, C., & Archontoulis, S. V. (2021) Root front velocity in maize hybrids released from 1980 to 2020. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
14. Kalogeropoulos, G., **dos Santos**, C., Baum, M. E., King, K., Wright, E. E., Ruiz, A., Lamkey, K. R., Trifunovic, S., Eudy, D., Vyn, T. J., & Archontoulis, S. V. (2021) Leaf area profiles of Bayer maize hybrids released from 1980 to 2020. ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
15. Hoegenauer, K., Roberts, T. L., Kelley, J. P., Mulloy, R., & **dos Santos**, C. (2019) Investigating the effects of potassium and magnesium application rates on corn. ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Annual Meetings (2019), San Antonio, TX.
16. Mulloy, R., Roberts, T. L., Kelley, J. P., Hoegenauer, K., **dos Santos**, C., Hurst, B., Dillion, D., & Bolton, D. (2019). Do side-dress nitrogen rates influence pre-tassel nitrogen uptake in corn? ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting, November 11, San Antonio, Texas.
17. Hurst, B., Rorberts, T.L., Ross, W.J., Mulloy, R., Dillion, Dr., **dos Santos**, C.L., Hoegenauer, K., Bolton, D., Short-term influence of winter cover crops on yield in a corn-soybean rotation. ASA-CSSA-SSSA Internation Annual Meeting, November, 11, San Antonio, Texas.
18. **dos Santos**, C.L., M. Salmeron, L.C. Purcell. (2019). Soybean phenology prediction tool for the Midsouth, ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting, November 11. San Antonio, Texas.
19. **dos Santos**, C.L., T.L. Roberts, and L.C. Purcell. (2019). Managing corn nitrogen fertility based on data from an unmanned aerial system, ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting, November 11. San Antonio, Texas.

20. **dos Santos**, C.L., M. Salmeron, L.C. Purcell. (2019). Soybean phenology prediction tool for the Midsouth, Arkansas Crop Protection Association Meeting, November 19. Fayetteville, Arkansas.
21. **dos Santos**, C.L., T.L. Roberts, and L.C. Purcell. (2019). Managing corn nitrogen fertility based on data from an unmanned aerial system, Arkansas Crop Protection Association Meeting, November 20. Fayetteville, Arkansas.
22. **dos Santos**, C. L., J.L.C. Baptistella, and R.A. Migliavacca. Desenvolvimento das raízes do algodoeiro submetidas a doses crescentes de fertilizantes minerais e organominerais. In: 14^o Encontro nacional de plantio direto na palha, (2014), Bonito. Anais do 14^o Encontro nacional de plantio direto na palha. Dourados: Embrapa Agropecuária Oeste, 2014. v. 1.

SOFTWARE

- pacu: Precision Agriculture Computational Utilities** **2024**
<https://github.com/cldossantos/pacu>
- Soystage – Online decision support tool for the Midsouthern U.S.** **2019**
<http://soystage.uark.edu>

SERVICE AND OFFICES HELD

- Member of the Curriculum Committee of the Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Major** **2019**
 University of Arkansas
 Fayetteville, Arkansas, US
- President of the Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Graduate Student Club** **2019**
 University of Arkansas
 Fayetteville, Arkansas, US
- Vice president of the Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Graduate Student Club** **2018**
 University of Arkansas
 Fayetteville, Arkansas, US

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching assistant in Crop and Soil Modeling (AGRON 525)** **2022 - 2024**
 Iowa State University
 Ames, Iowa, US
- This was a graduate and undergraduate level class with approximately 15 students
 - Provided office hours to help with weekly assignments
 - Developed and taught lectures on:
 - Soybean development response to temperature and photoperiod
 - Process-based crop model parameter optimization
- Teaching assistant in Crop Development, Production, and Management (AGRON 280)** **2023**
 Iowa State University
 Ames, Iowa, US
- This was an undergraduate level class with approximately 70 students
 - Taught a lecture on "Brazilian agriculture"
 - Provided office hours to help with weekly assignments

- Graded weekly assignments

Guest Lecturer in Soybean Production (CSES 3322)

2023 and 2025

University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas, US

- This was an undergraduate level class with approximately 30 students
- Taught a lecture on "Soybean development response to temperature and photoperiod"

Teaching assistant in Soil Fertility (CSES 5114)

2020

University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas, US

- This was a graduate level class with approximately 30 students
- Provided office hours to help with weekly assignments
- Developed and taught lectures on:
 - History of soil fertility and crop growth
 - Plant essential nutrients
 - Nutrient mobility, solubility, and deficiency
 - Soil pH, salts, and lime requirement
 - Soil sampling methods
 - Plant and soil analysis
 - Soil test extraction methods
 - Fertilizer correlation and calibration

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Agronomy (ASA)

2018 - present

Crop Science Society of America (CSSA)

2018 - present

Soil Science Society of America (SSSA)

2018 - present

International Society of Precision Agriculture

2024 - present

LANGUAGES

English - Fluent

Portuguese - Native

**PROGRAMMING
LANGUAGES**

R, Python, C#, and JavaScript