

**2026 Ray & Dorothy Young
Graduate Student Award in
Field Crop Integrated Pest Management**

Recipient: Stephanie Ramos

Personal Background

- Born in Leme, São Paulo - Brazil 
- Federal University of São Carlos - UFSCar
 - B. Sc. Agricultural Sciences
 - Undergraduate research in weed science
 - Internship: Louisiana and Texas
- Industry: Field Crop Integrated Pest Management
- Began at LSU in August 2022

Mission to connect science with practical decision making



**Agriculture
chooses me!**

Master's: Louisiana State University

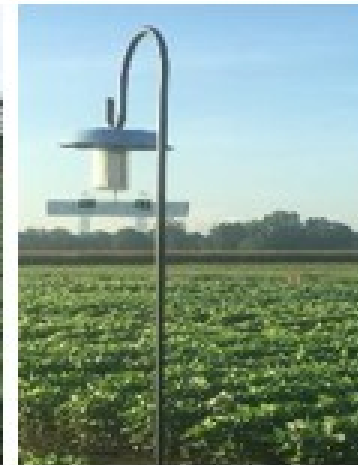
Advisor: Dr. Sara Thomas-Sharma



Focus: Addressing knowledge gaps in disease epidemiology and detection of fungicide resistance in Cercospora leaf blight of soybean



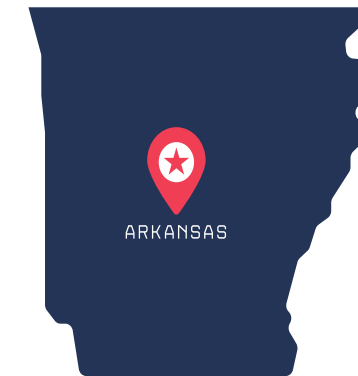
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Garden Motor



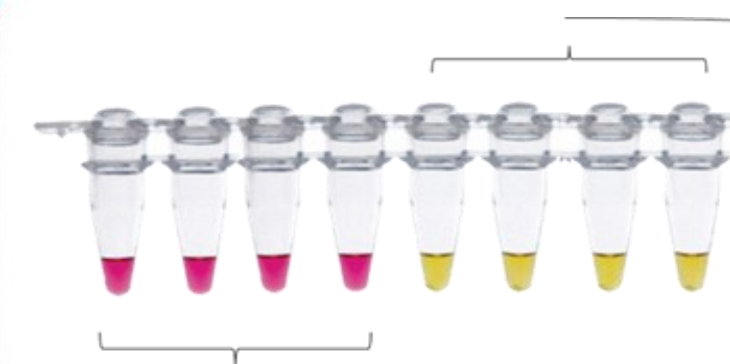
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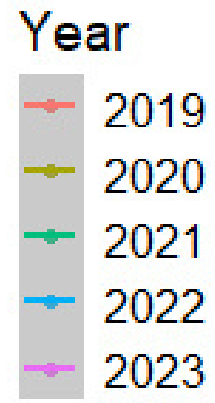
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Qol resistant isolates

Qol sensitive isolates

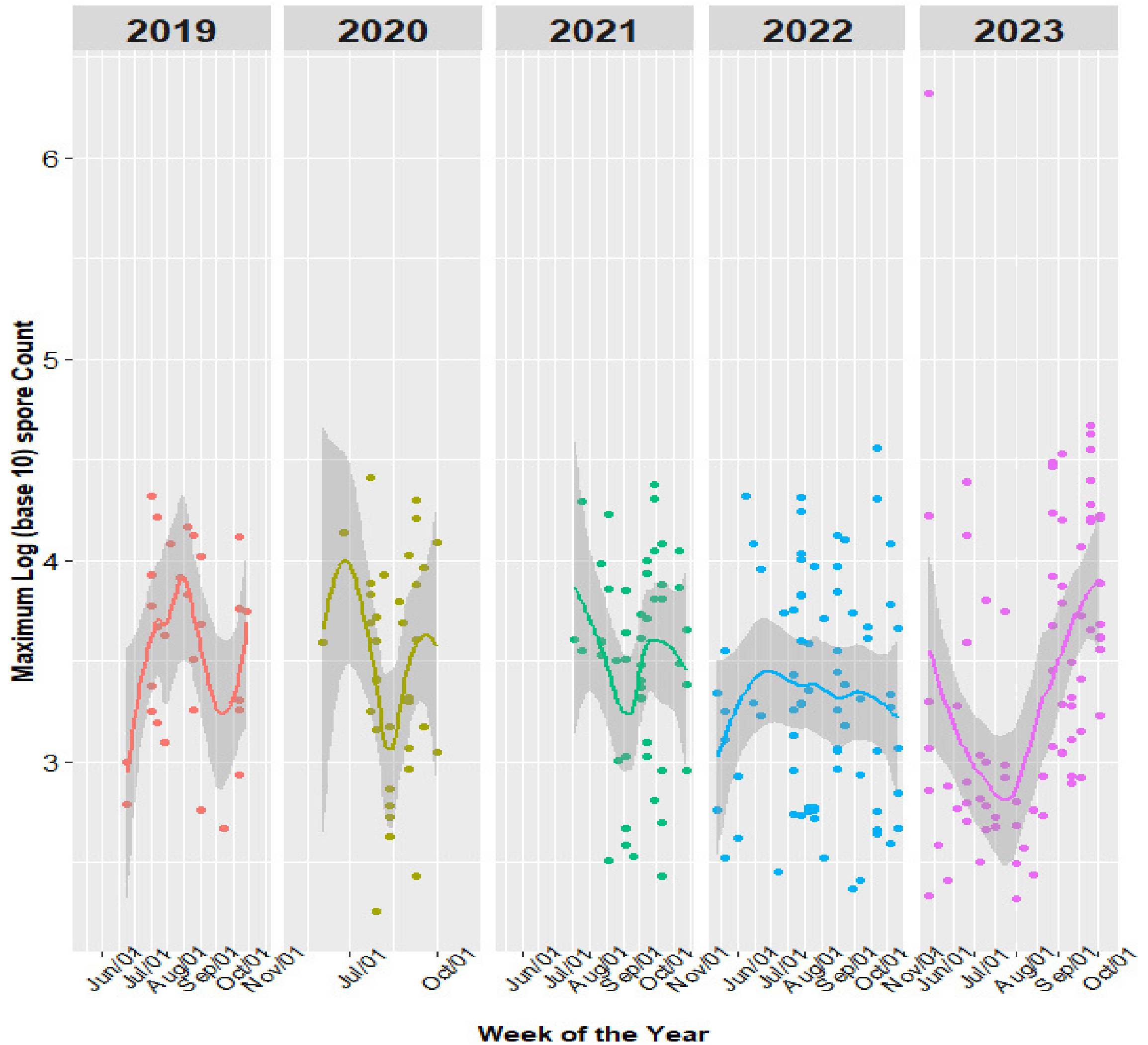
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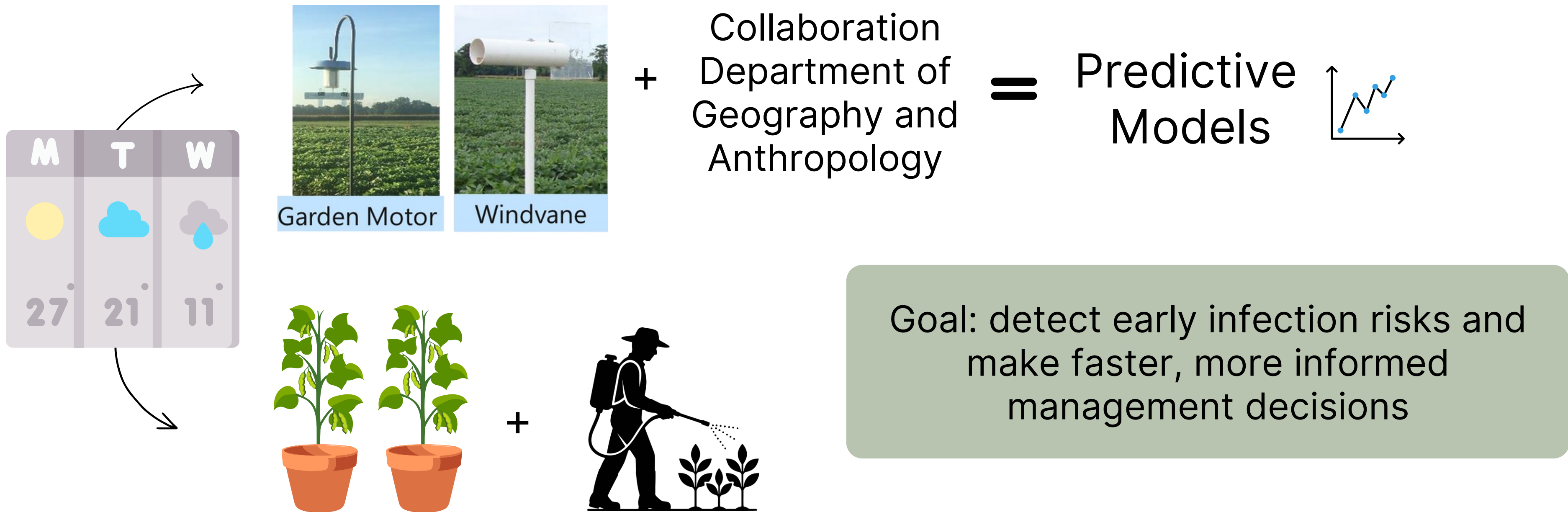


PhD.: Louisiana State University

Advisor: Dr. Sara Thomas-Sharma



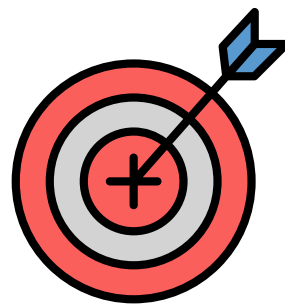
Expanding upon previous findings → develop data-driven approaches for integrated CLB management



How this award supports my development?

Support and encouragement to pursue key milestones toward a successful career

- Strengthen my professional development
 - Communicate my findings to stakeholder (e.g.: SSDW)
 - Participate in Field Days and Trainings
 - Complete my Ph.D. research with excellence
 - Leadership Trainings



Pursue a career as an
Field Scientist or Extension Specialist



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thank
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*Science without the field is theory
The field without science is risk*

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