

UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research & Education Center

Vinicius Carreteiro Gomes

Biographical Information

Vinicius Carreteiro Gomes was born in Campinas, São Paulo state, Brazil in 1989. He is the youngest son of Francisco Gomes Casagrande and Cleide Simão Carreteiro and brother of Francisco Gomes Casagrande Junior. In mid-semester of 2008, he began his undergraduate program in Animal Science at São Paulo State University – UNESP, Campus of Dracena, Brazil and received his degree in July 2014. During his undergraduate program he participated for four years in the study group NUPEE (Research and Extension Beef Cattle and Pasture) in which he began his undergraduate research. He was also involved for over three years with an extension project about cattle production. In January to July 2014, he completed an internship at the UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research and Education Center (RCREC) in Ona, Florida, as an intern under the advisement of Dr. Joao Vendramini.

In January 2015 to February 2017, Vinicius earned his master's degree in Sustainable Animal Production at the Animal Science Institute in Nova Odessa city, São Paulo state, belonging to APTA (São Paulo Agribusiness Technology Agency) with his dissertation work in the area of production and conservation of forage plants, working with corn silage with legume and palisade grass intercropping in a crop-livestock system.

In April 2017, Vinicius began his Ph.D. program in Animal Science at São Paulo State University - UNESP, FMVZ (College of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science) Campus of Botucatu, Brazil, and developed his thesis work with two years in the evaluation, production and breeding program with new entries of *Paspalum spp.*



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In the 3th year of his Ph.D. program Vinicius returned to the RCREC as a Research Scholar, working with forage evaluation, new cultivars of bermudagrass, new entries of *Paspalum notatum*, intercropping legume and Bahiagrass, silage, haylage and animal supplementation with Dr. Joao Vendramini. He plans to return to Brazil in December 2019 to finish his Ph.D. and defend his thesis.