

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

Macarena Gomez Salmoral was born in 1998 in Córdoba, Argentina. She spent her childhood on her family farm near San Ramón de la Nueva Orán, Salta, Argentina, where Macarena discovered her passion for being part of the natural environment. Macarena completed her undergraduate degree in agricultural engineering at the Universidad Católica de Córdoba, where she confirmed her pronounced interest in animal science, specifically, animal nutrition. Macarena acquired experience in the industry while working for a company which focused on beef cattle production and genetics, yet she wanted to further explore her interest in animal nutrition. In 2022, Macarena was accepted for an internship with Dr. Nicolas DiLorenzo at the University of Florida, North Florida Research and Education Center, in Marianna, Florida, where she was involved in numerous research projects related to beef cattle production and nutrition. As a result of her exceptional internship and growing interest in research, Macarena was invited to pursue a MS with Dr. DiLorenzo in 2024.