

Maxwell Cavassa

Max Cavassa is a senior at Auburn University studying horticulture in the fruit and vegetable track. He attended Saint Francis High School in Milton Georgia. Max grew up speaking both English and Italian with his family as well as spending half of his young life in Italy with his parents. Both his parents grew up on farming operations. His father on a homestead and nursery operation in Northern Italy. His mother on a cow/calf and pecan operation in North Texas. Max has always been passionate about food and agriculture. Having the opportunity to live in Europe gave Max a different perspective on food and agriculture. He plans on getting a Master's degree following his Bachelor's degree. Max is passionate about doing research on both Horticulture and Entomology as well as working closely with growers to help develop IPM and GAP strategies. He currently is assisting Dr. David Held to conduct a research trial on pyrethroid applications for tree boring insects. Max currently works for the Paterson Greenhouse complex at Auburn University. Outside of school Max is a recreation and competition fly fishermen. He also enjoys hunting, camping, and backpacking. He is also the Chaplin of the Beta Eta chapter of Kappa Sigma at Auburn University.

Max is incredibly honored to have been selected for the opportunity to attend the Southern Exposure. He is very appreciative for having been nominated and selected for the STARS scholarship. He is very excited to see all of the new innovations being presented, as well as meeting with industry professionals and leaders, and fellow students.