



## WhiteWave Foods Partners with Conservation International® to Enhance Sustainability Efforts

*WhiteWave Releases Silk® Soybean Sourcing & Production Program And Reinforces Horizon Organic® Standards of Care*

Broomfield, Colo. (December 3, 2008) – WhiteWave Foods Company (WWFC) announced today a partnership with Conservation International (CI) designed to further develop the company’s sustainable production initiatives through programs with the Silk® and Horizon Organic® businesses.

WhiteWave Foods has been working on two key sustainability initiatives with CI, a leading non-governmental organization that applies cutting-edge science to conserving and protecting the Earth’s natural assets – regions of rich plant and animal diversity – that are crucial to human well-being.

The first initiative, the Silk Soybean Sourcing and Production Program was created to reinforce Silk’s values and commitment to sourcing soybeans that are produced in a sustainable, socially responsible and ethical manner. The Program outlines goals for improving bean variety without genetic modification, and ways to work with soybean growers to uphold best practices for soil productivity and erosion management. The two organizations will work to develop a comprehensive supplier survey with the ultimate goal of using the survey information to develop new sourcing methods designed to protect biodiversity in the regions where WhiteWave sources its soybeans.

The Sourcing Program focuses on enhancing our standards by working with suppliers in the following areas:

- Environmental Responsibility: Biodiversity conservation, soil and water resource protection, waste and emissions management.
- Social Management: Community impact, farmer and labor relations.
- Continuous Improvement: Working with farmer partners to further develop this program.

The second initiative includes CI reinforcing the Horizon Organic Standards of Care, which is a comprehensive set of guidelines that govern farm practices on company-owned farms in Idaho and Maryland. CI provided input on the Standards of Care, focusing primarily on biodiversity practices. CI regards the Standards of Care as an important benchmark for conservation performance in organic dairy farming worldwide.

“These initiatives further affirm WhiteWave Foods’ leadership and commitment to responsible, sustainable business practices,” said Joseph E. Scalzo, President and CEO of WWFC. “Our brands have a long history of doing business in a way that sustains and improves our environment and the communities in which we do business. A partnership with Conservation International helps us further build upon that legacy.”

“We are delighted with WhiteWave’s continued interest in building upon their existing sustainability accomplishments by working with Conservation International to further align its business operations and supply chains with biodiversity conservation objectives,” said Glenn Prickett, Senior Vice President at Conservation International. “We further value their interest in positively influencing not only their industry, but the consumers who enjoy their products.”