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MEADWESTVACO NAMED 2008 AGRIBUSINESS OF THE YEAR

*Richmond-based Global Packaging Company Cited for
Outstanding Contributions to Virginia Agribusiness*

Richmond, VA – March 27, 2008 – MeadWestvaco Corporation (MWV) has been named the “2008 Agribusiness of the Year” by the Virginia Agribusiness Council. The award was presented to MWV’s Chairman and CEO John A. Luke, Jr., at the company’s headquarters in Glen Allen, VA.

MWV has been an active member of the Virginia Agribusiness Council since the Council’s inception in the 1970s, contributing critical support of the Council and its members by encouraging employees to serve on the Council’s Board of Directors, providing leadership in many industry activities and events, and serving as the keynote speaker for the Council’s Annual Membership Meeting in November 2006.

“The Council’s Agribusiness of the Year award is given to a member of the Council for exceptional contributions to Virginia agribusiness,” said Council President Donna Pugh Johnson. “MWV is a natural selection for this honor, and we are pleased to recognize them for their outstanding contributions to our agribusiness industry.”

MWV has provided valuable assistance on many legislative, regulatory and environmental issues of interest to Virginia agribusinesses, including the establishment of Virginia’s Right to Practice Forestry statute, advocating for funding of state programs, and other efforts to protect the business of forestry.

The company has set an example of working with the environmental community to protect natural resources through land conservation, air quality management and water quality improvements. For their efforts in improving water quality, they have been recognized recently by the James River Association, a positive acknowledgment of the company’s efforts and an exemplary reflection of the entire agribusiness industry.

In making the award presentation, Council Board Chairman Charles T. Wood praised MWV for the critical role they hold in “increasing the viability of the agribusiness industry in Virginia and across the Nation.” He went on to add, “Companies like MWV who choose to locate manufacturing facilities, resources and headquarters in Virginia help to sustain forestry and agriculture as the Commonwealth’s number one industry.”

MWV provides packaging solutions to many of the world’s most-admired brands in the food and beverage, media and entertainment, cosmetics and personal care, home and garden, and healthcare and pharmaceutical industries. The company has market-leading positions in its Consumer & Office Products and Specialty Chemicals businesses. For more information, please visit their website at www.meadwestvaco.com.

The Virginia Agribusiness Council is a non-profit member organization committed to representing the agriculture and forest industries in the Commonwealth through effective government relations efforts. Headquartered in Richmond, the Council has a combined membership of over 40,000 persons including agricultural producers, suppliers, marketers, processors and commodity associations from throughout Virginia. For more information on the Virginia Agribusiness Council, its membership and its mission, visit www.va-agribusiness.org.

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