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***PARAMOUNT FARMS NAMED “CUSTOMER OF THE YEAR”  
BY ORANGE COUNTY ARC***

BUENA PARK, Calif., June 20, 2008 – Paramount Farms, the world's largest vertically integrated supplier of pistachios and almonds, was honored today with a “Customer of the Year” award presented by the Orange County ARC (OCARC).

The award was presented by OCARC’s Chief Executive Officer Joyce Hearn at the organization’s Annual Clients Award Banquet ceremony, held at the Holiday Inn in Buena Park. The award recognizes businesses that provide paid work opportunities to developmentally disabled clients of Orange County ARC.

“We are pleased to give Paramount Farms our “Customer of the Year” award, which recognizes companies that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to employing OCARC’s clients,” said Joyce Hearn. “Paramount Farms has been an ongoing client for several years. This year, Paramount Farms tasked us with a packaging project involving nearly 400,000 gift bags of pistachios, an effort which provided a paid work opportunity for nearly all of our 300 clients. We appreciate Paramount Farms’ support for persons with development disabilities, and their staff who demonstrated professionalism and went above and beyond to make OC ARC feel part of the team.”

“Orange County ARC has handled each of our projects in a very professional manner and meets the highest of quality standards,” said Dominic Engels, vice president of marketing, Paramount Farms. “And the OC ARC team did it while meeting our challenging production timelines. We look forward to working with the team again.”

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### **About Paramount Farms**

Paramount Farms is the world's largest vertically integrated supplier of pistachios and almonds with more than 70,000 acres of prime pistachio and almond orchards located in California's San Joaquin Valley. Paramount Farms' 30,000 acres of pistachio orchards are the largest in the Western Hemisphere; and in a state famous for its almonds, Paramount Farms is California's largest almond grower, with more than 40,000 acres of permanent almond orchards. Paramount Farm's nuts can be found in the produce department of grocery stores nationwide sold to consumers under the Sunkist® and Everybody's Nuts™ brand names as well as under private label and in bulk.

### **About Orange County ARC**

Established in 1955 by parents who wanted to provide enhanced opportunities for their children with developmental disabilities, Orange County ARC has grown to serve more than 700 adults in year-round programs designed to enrich the lives of the individuals served and enable them to achieve their full potential. Orange County ARC provides vocational training, employment and placement in community based jobs; skill development designed to enhance the potential for independent living, making informed choices and self-advocacy; and opportunities to participate in leisure and recreational activities, based on individual preferences, designed to enhance the quality of life. The organization is a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation governed by a select board of directors, with annual revenues in excess of \$9 million dollars and more than 130 employees.

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