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**FLORIDA SPECIALTY CROP FOUNDATION
ADDS 3 MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MAITLAND, Fla. (Nov. 12, 2007) – The Florida Specialty Crop Foundation has added three new members to its board of directors, bringing the total number of directors to eight, Executive Director Mike Carlton announced today.

“Our new directors bring a valuable and diverse perspective and a breadth of experience to the foundation board,” Carlton said. “I’m looking forward to working with the entire board as the Florida Specialty Crop Foundation continues to grow in serving the industry and the community.”

Joining the board are:

- **Bishop Thomas Wenski** of the Diocese of Orlando. Bishop Wenski assumed the role of bishop of the diocese in 2004. He is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ International Policy Committee. He has held numerous appointments on government advisory panels, including the federal Human Trafficking Working Group and Gov. Jeb Bush’s task force on Haiti.
- **Dan Richey**, CEO of Riverfront Packing Co. and president of Gulfstream Harvesting. Richey also is president of the Taisho Co., a citrus consulting firm. He serves on the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association’s board of directors and the USDA’s Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee. He is former president of the Indian River Citrus League and served on the Florida Citrus Commission.
- **Bill Mang** of SunTrust Bank’s commercial dealer services division. Mang is a graduate of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute and Leadership Orlando. He also has served as a member of the advisory board for the UCF/Disney Institute’s Small Business Advisory Council and as a mentor for the Rollins College MBA program.

Board members who were re-elected this year are Tony DiMare, chairman; Jay Taylor, vice chairman; Alan Hair, secretary and treasurer; Jim Mercer and Mike Stuart.

The Florida Specialty Crop Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to benefit the general public through initiatives that provide solutions to the challenges facing specialty crop producers and their stakeholders. For more information, visit www.floridaspecialtycropfoundation.org.