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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**SCIENTIFIC CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS NOW OFFERING TESCO NURTURE CERTIFICATION**

November 27, 2011 - Emeryville, CA – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) announced today its new accreditation to certify to the Tesco NURTURE standard for all three levels of certification – bronze, silver and gold.

As a trusted industry leader with 27 years experience in the food industry, SCS provides [top quality food safety auditing and training services](#) to growers, food manufacturers, distributors and retailers, including Organic, HACCP, SQF, GAP/GMP, BRC, and GLOBALG.A.P certification. Headquartered in Emeryville, with satellite offices on five continents, SCS also provides micro-pathogen testing, flavor management training and analysis, responsible sourcing certification, and pesticide residue testing.

“SCS is pleased to expand our certifications to include Tesco NURTURE for clients in north and central America who are selling their produce to the Tesco supermarket chain,” said Heena Patel, Director of Food & Agriculture Auditing Services at SCS. “Tesco has been a steadfast leader in tackling the issue of food safety.”

The NURTURE scheme is designed to confirm the health and safety practices of Tesco suppliers, an important protection role that an increasing number retailers and suppliers are adopting to ensure adherence to sound food safety practices. Since 1992 Tesco NURTURE has audited thousands of suppliers of certified fruit and vegetables. In addition, Tesco works in partnership with the Ethical Trading Institute (ETI) to ensure that its suppliers are assessed annually for compliance with ethical standards and worker welfare requirements.

To find out more about the comprehensive line of services offered by SCS to food and agriculture companies, go to www.scscertified.com/foodag

Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) has been providing global leadership in third-party food quality, sustainability and environmental certification, auditing, testing and standards development for more than 27 years. SCS programs span a wide range of industries including green building, product manufacturing, food and agriculture, forestry, retailing and more.

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