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**New York City-based Gristedes Markets Added to Wakefern's List of
Wholesale Customers**

KEASBEY, N.J. (January, 2, 2008) – Wakefern Food Corp. announced that it has entered into a wholesale agreement with New York City-based Gristedes. Wakefern Food Corp. is making available its ShopRite private label brand including its line of ShopRite Organic products, health and beauty care and imported specialty items to the 40-store chain located throughout New York City, Westchester and Long Island. Wakefern will also be servicing Gristedes with branded non-food products.

“After trying the ShopRite brand myself, I believe they are just as good if not better than national brand products,” said Charles Criscuolo, senior executive vice president of Gristedes. “By bringing the ShopRite brand into my stores, I’m offering more variety and added value to my customers seeking high quality products at an affordable price.” The award-winning ShopRite private label line includes more than 3,000 items.

Speaking of ShopRite’s imported line, Joe Gozzi, director of Specialty Grocery for Wakefern, noted, “We have a unique relationship with small producers in Spain, Italy, and Greece who create home-grown, traditional foods and recipes. This provides us with a line of authentic foods that are exclusive to Wakefern and its customers.”

Among the ShopRite items that are available to Gristedes customers are: ShopRite Organic Cereal, ShopRite Imported from Greece Olives, ShopRite Sparkling Cider from Spain, ShopRite Extra Virgin Olive Oil, ShopRite Panettone and ShopRite Balsamic Vinegar from Italy.

“By making our line of specialty products available to other retailers, we’re providing them with a quality, exclusive brand that provides a real point of competitive difference in the marketplace,” stated Joe Colalillo, chairman and CEO of Wakefern. “Helping independents grocers succeed in a space dominated by much larger competitors has always been our primary focus and our strength.”

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Although Wakefern had been wholesaling to other customers for a number of years, it officially announced the establishment of its Wholesale division in May, 2007. According to Dave Baer, director of Wakefern's Wholesale division, reception to its early efforts have been positive. "We have serviced the independent grocer for years and understand the challenges they face," stated Baer. "As a wholesaler, we are uniquely positioned to address the needs of the independents with the products and services they need to compete successfully."

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About Gristedes

Gristedes has been feeding New Yorker's for over 100 years. The stores offer fresh meats, produce, dairy products, baked goods, frozen foods, gourmet foods, and nonfood items. Gristedes strives to make every shopping experience a great shopping experience. Its customers have come to expect the best products at the lowest prices in town. Today, Gristedes proudly operates 40 stores throughout New York City, Westchester and a single store in Locust Valley, Long Island.

About WFC Wholesale Division

After six decades of serving as the merchandising and distribution arm of more than 200 ShopRite stores located throughout New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware, Wakefern Food Corporation expanded its wholesale services in 2007 to include other independent retailers and customers both domestically and abroad.

From a small, struggling cooperative with eight members – all owners of their own grocery stores – Wakefern Food Corporation has grown into the largest retailer-owned cooperative in the United States and one of the largest employers in New Jersey. The cooperative is comprised of 44 members who individually own and operate supermarkets under the ShopRite banner.

In addition to its corporately-owned ShopRite stores, Wakefern operates 32 alternate format stores under the PriceRite banner located in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.