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**Arysta LifeScience Honors Researcher with
Outstanding Senior Cotton Physiologist Award**

CARY, N.C. (February 7, 2012) – Arysta LifeScience honored Dr. C. Owen Gwathmey, professor emeritus at the University of Tennessee in Jackson, with the Outstanding Senior Cotton Physiologist Award at the recent 2012 Beltwide Cotton Agronomy & Physiology Conference. Dr. Gwathmey received a plaque and a \$5,000 award.

“Arysta LifeScience has sponsored the Cotton Physiology Researcher of the Year Award for more than 15 years,” says Henry Allen, US Commodities Product Manager at Arysta LifeScience. “We’re committed to honoring those individuals who make such amazing contributions to cotton physiology research and rarely receive the recognition they deserve.”

The awards program is designed to recognize significant contributions and achievements by scientists in cotton physiology research. The Cotton Agronomy & Physiology Conference is one of 13 cotton technical conferences that convene at the annual National Cotton Council-coordinated Beltwide Cotton Conferences.

Dr. Gwathmey received his Ph.D. at the University of California, Riverside in 1991 in Plant Physiology. Since that time, he has excelled in a wide range of physiological research as a team leader at the University of Tennessee. His more recent research has covered a diverse set of important topics, including remote sensing, exploring source-sink relationships due to PGRs and plant population density, potassium uptake and partitioning, skip row planting, analysis of the effects of glyphosate-resistant horseweed on cotton production, nutrition effects on bronze wilt, and the cost-benefit relationship of seed technology. He has been a leader in cotton research for two decades.

“Dr. Gwathmey is an outstanding researcher who has spent the past 20 years providing innovative cotton research,” says Dr. Glen Ritchie, program chair from Texas Tech University. “He has been a leader, an innovator, and an outstanding mentor during his career and this recognition is backed with the respect by both the scientific and production agricultural communities in the U.S.”

Dr. Gwathmey's research has been used by both the professional community and by countless growers, and his ability to make technical presentations understandable and accessible to others is well-recognized and has gained him great respect throughout the Cotton Belt. He has served in leadership roles within the Cotton Physiology and Agronomy group for several years, including serving as an associate editor for the Agronomy Journal, and as a member and chair of the Beltwide Agronomy and Physiology Steering Committee. He also was an invited speaker in the stress and partitioning symposium at the 2012 Beltwide Cotton Agronomy & Physiology Conference.

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Photo Attached:

L to R: NCC's Bill Robertson; K. Raja Reddy, Mississippi State University; Dr. C. Owen Gwathmey, Dr. Glen Ritchie, Texas Tech University.

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