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Central Garden & Pet to Present at JMP Securities 5th Annual Research Conference on March 8, 2006

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 7, 2006--Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ:CENT) announced today that Management will present to investors at the JMP Securities 5th Annual Research Conference in San Francisco on March 8, 2006. A webcast of the presentation can be accessed live at 7:30 A.M. Pacific Standard Time and by archive through June 5, 2006, via the following URL link:

Central Garden & Pet Company Formal Presentation/Q&A:

<http://www.wsw.com/webcast/jmp2/cent/>

Central Garden & Pet Company is a leading innovator, marketer and producer of quality branded products for the pet and lawn and garden supplies markets. Our pet products include pet bird and small animal food, aquarium products, flea, tick, mosquito and other pest control products, edible bones, cages, carriers, pet books, and other dog, cat, reptile and small animal products. These products are sold under a number of brand names, including Kaytee, Super Pet, All-Glass Aquarium, Oceanic, Kent Marine, Energy Savers Unlimited, Zodiac, Pre-Strike, Altosid, Nylabone, TFH, Four Paws, Interpet, Breeder's Choice and Farnam. Our lawn and garden products include grass seed, wild bird food, weed and insect control products, decorative outdoor patio products and ant control products. These products are sold under a number of brand names, including Pennington, Norcal Pottery, New England Pottery, GKI/Bethlehem Lighting, Lilly Miller, Matthews Four Seasons, Cedar Works, AMDRO, Grant's, Sevin and Over'n Out. For additional information on Central Garden & Pet, including access to the Company's SEC filings, please visit the Company's website at <http://www.central.com/>.

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