

James (Jamie) William Warshaw
CEO, Farmers Rice Milling Company, Inc.
Lake Charles, Louisiana

James (Jamie) Warshaw was born and raised in Lake Charles, Louisiana and earned his B.S. from Louisiana Tech University in 1980.

Warshaw began his career with Martran Inc., as Vice President of Operations, responsible for sales and operations. Martran, Inc. was a small marine towing company, primarily doing business in the oil products transportation industry. Warshaw joined The Powell Group in 1982 and subsequently was transferred to Farmers Rice Milling Company, Inc. in 1986. He served as the Assistant Manager from 1988 to 1996 and in 1996 was named Chief Executive Officer.

During his employment with The Powell Group, Warshaw was employed by several companies within the firm. He started working for Agrilectric Power, Inc. in a market development job. His work was primarily in the area of rice hull fuel power plant sales, working with the California rice industry. After the start-up of the Agrilectric Power Plant in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and his responsibilities also included the development, implementation, and managing the by-products program until 1987. Warshaw then began working for Farmers Rice Milling Company, Inc. and was responsible for plant operations, capital projects, long-range capital planning, plant personnel, safety and plant sanitation. As Chief Executive Officer, he continues to oversee capital projects, heads the acquisition team and is well respected and very active in all areas of the rice industry.

Within the rice industry, Warshaw has held an impressive number of leadership positions over the years including Chairman of the entire USA Rice Federation. Currently, Warshaw serves: as the Treasurer of the USA Rice Council; Member of the USA Rice Millers' Association Board of Directors; and Chair of the USA Rice Food Aid Subcommittee of the USA Rice International Promotions Committee.