This month’s featured farm is Doguet’s Rice Milling Company, located in Beaumont, Texas.

The Doguet family has been in the rice business since the 1920s. In 1979, Darby Doguet started the company when he bought a rice dryer in Beaumont. By 1981, he had added a mill to create what became Doguet’s Rice Milling Company. His children, Mike Doguet and Debbie (Doguet) Robbins, bought the rice mill from their father in 1997. Debbie bought the rice mill from Mike in 2010, and now the rice mill is a 100 percent woman-owned business.

Doguet’s mills both white and brown rice. The difference between these two grains lies in the milling process. Brown rice is milled only to remove the outer hull. The germ and the fiber are left intact which makes brown rice high in fiber. White rice is milled to remove the bran and much of the germ.

Today, Doguet’s Rice Milling Company’s business includes the drying, storage and milling of rough rice, marketing rice for other farmers, and of course, growing rice.