Tom Brooks Bio

Tom Brooks was born in 1960 in a small town in KY. The son of a row crop & livestock farmer. He graduated High School in 1979 where he headed off to Cincinnati Bible College. His field of study was Ministerial Studies. Tom accepted scholarships to attend Texas AM.   Tom went to AM to pursue his passion for flying. His studies included Aerospace Engineering. He was an active member of the Corps of Cadets. Tom was commissioned a 2ndLieutenant in the US Air Force in 1984 with a degree in Sciences. Tom served 8.5 years on active duty and elected to leave the service with numerous accolades and awards for his time of service and performance.

He was hired by Griffin Industries in 1993 and served as a General Manager for several locations within Florida for 8.75 years. He accepted a position with Perdue Farms as their General Manager for a Florida Protein Conversion facility and was later promoted to General Manager of their flagship facility in Delaware. Tom came to biodiesel industry after 5 years with Perdue Farms. He has 26 plus years experience in the refinement and value adding of animal fats and oils. He has a keen understanding of feed stocks and quality for both the fuel produced and the materials it is made with.

Tom currently serves as the General Manager of Western Dubuque Biodiesel (WDB). Western Dubuque Biodiesel is a 30 Million gallon production facility located in Farley, Iowa.   It is owned by 557 local Iowa investors. Tom has served as their GM for the past 12.75 years. He currently serves as a board member for the National Biodiesel Board, Chairman and Executive Board Member of the IBB (Iowa Biodiesel Board). He also serves as a Director, and Executive Board Member of the IRFA (Iowa Renewable Fuels Association).

Tom was married in Oct 2012 to Joy Diane Koch. He is the proud father of five children. Tom lives in Dyersville, Iowa. Tom serves at the leisure of WDB investors and directors while maintaining his position is one of stewardship of people, products, and profits that he has been entrusted.