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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For quarterly period ended March 29, 2008

Commission file number 1-4119

NUCOR CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 13-1860817 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1915 Rexford Road, Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices) 28211

(Zip Code)

(704) 366-7000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated

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filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No x

288,559,893 shares of common stock were outstanding at March 29, 2008.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

<u>Nucor Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings (Unaudited)</u> (In thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months (13 Weeks) Ended | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | March 29, 2008 | | March 31, 2007 | |
| Net sales | \$ | 4,974,269 | \$ | 3,768,885 |
| Costs, expenses and other: | | , , | | , , |
| Cost of products sold | | 4,071,592 | | 2,991,598 |
| Marketing, administrative and other expenses | | 169,714 | | 136,210 |
| Interest expense (income), net | | 18,345 | | (9,162) |
| Minority interests | | 91,771 | | 60,572 |
| | | 4,351,422 | | 3,179,218 |
| | | | | |
| Earnings before income taxes | | 622,847 | | 589,667 |
| Provision for income taxes | | 213,093 | | 208,638 |
| Net earnings | \$ | 409,754 | \$ | 381,029 |
| | | | | |
| Net earnings per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ | 1.42 | \$ | 1.27 |
| Diluted | \$ | 1.41 | \$ | 1.26 |
| | | | | |
| Average shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | | 288,208 | | 301,034 |
| Diluted | | 290,201 | | 303,482 |
| | | | | |
| Dividends declared per share | \$ | 0.52 | \$ | 0.61 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Nucor Corporation Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

| Assets | March 29, 2008 | | Dec. 31, 2007 | |
|--|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | | | |
| Current assets: | . | | . | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 733,995 | \$ | 1,393,943 |
| Short-term investments | | - | | 182,450 |
| Accounts receivable, net | | 1,965,002 | | 1,611,844 |
| Inventories Other comment exects | | 1,877,371 | | 1,601,600 |
| Other current assets | | 298,274 | | 283,412 |
| Total current assets | | 4,874,642 | | 5,073,249 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | | 3,631,792 | | 3,232,998 |
| Goodwill | | 1,698,168 | | 847,887 |
| | | | | |
| Other intangible assets, net | | 894,617 | | 469,936 |
| Other assets | | 241,302 | | 202,052 |
| Total assets | \$ | 11,340,521 | \$ | 9,826,122 |
| Liabilities and stockholders' equity | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | |
| Short-term debt | \$ | 12,367 | \$ | 22,868 |
| Long-term debt due within one year | | 175,000 | | - |
| Accounts payable | | 1,345,322 | | 691,668 |
| Federal income taxes payable | | 131,151 | | - |
| Salaries, wages and related accruals | | 284,611 | | 436,352 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | | 421,194 | | 431,148 |
| Total current liabilities | | 2,369,645 | | 1,582,036 |
| Long-term debt due after one year | | 2,491,600 | | 2,250,300 |
| Deferred credits and other liabilities | | 766,401 | | 593,423 |
| Minority interests | | 287,181 | | |