

# POWERFUL **PARTNERSHIPS.** POWERFUL **RESULTS.**

May 2021



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## **Nucor Overview**

- North America's largest & most diversified steel & steel products company
- 25 scrap-based steel mills with annual production capacity of 27 million tons
- North America's largest recycler
- 48 straight yrs. of dividend increases

<u>Results</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net Sales	\$25B	\$23B	\$20B
Steel Shipped	27.9M Tons	26.5M Tons	23.0M Tons
EPS	\$7.42	\$4.14	\$2.36
Free Cash Flow <sup>1</sup>	\$1.41B	\$1.33B	\$1.15B



<sup>1</sup> Defined as Operating Cash Flow - Capex



## **Q1-2021 Performance**

- Record quarterly net income of \$942 million and diluted EPS of \$3.10
- Completed growth projects performance exceeding expectations – Hickman specialty cold rolling mill; Marion bar mill modernization; Gallatin galvanizing line; Sedalia rebar micro mill
- Cash returned to shareholders was 45% of Q1-2021 net income
- Expect record quarterly earnings in Q2-2021



## **Our Strengths**

- Nucor's Culture
- Market Leadership Positions
- Diversified Product Portfolio
- Low & Highly Variable Cost Structure
- Strong Cash Generation Through The Cycle
- Strong Balance Sheet

## **Principles of Nucor's Culture**





SAFETY FIRST
Trust
Open Communications
Teamwork
Community Stewardship
Results

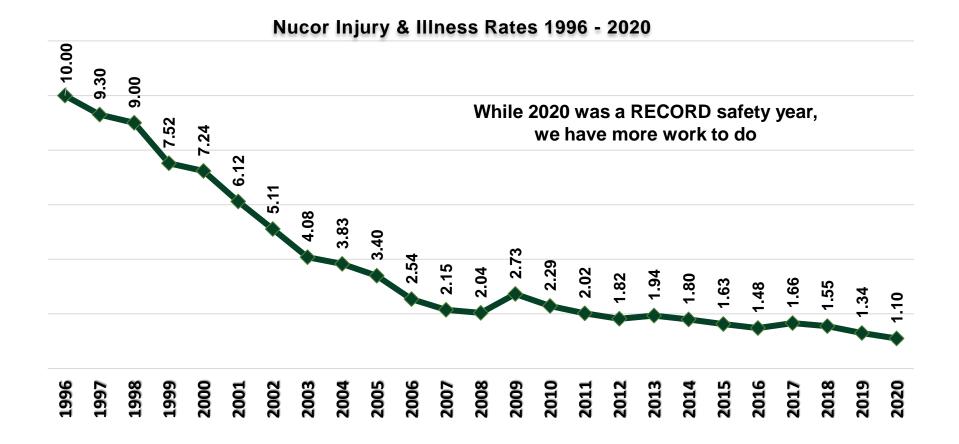








## Safety – Our First Priority



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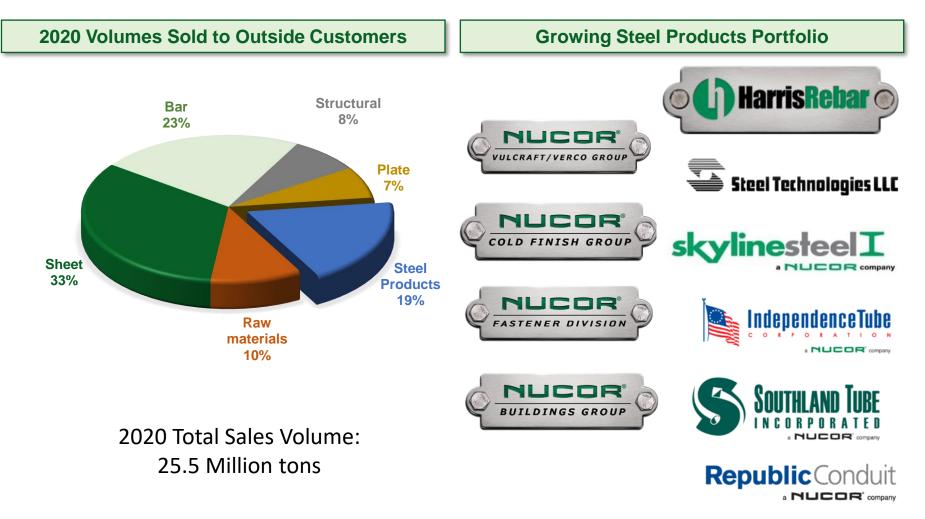
## **Market Leadership**

<b>#1</b> North American Market	Structural Steel Merchant Bar Steel Cold Finish Bar Steel	Steel Joist & Deck Steel Piling Distribution Metal Buildings Steel Electrical Conduit Pipe
<b>#2</b> North American Market	Rebar Steel & Fab Plate Steel SBQ Bar Steel	Hollow Structural Section (HSS) Steel Tubing
<b>#3</b> North American Market	Sheet Steel (hot + cold + gal	vanized)

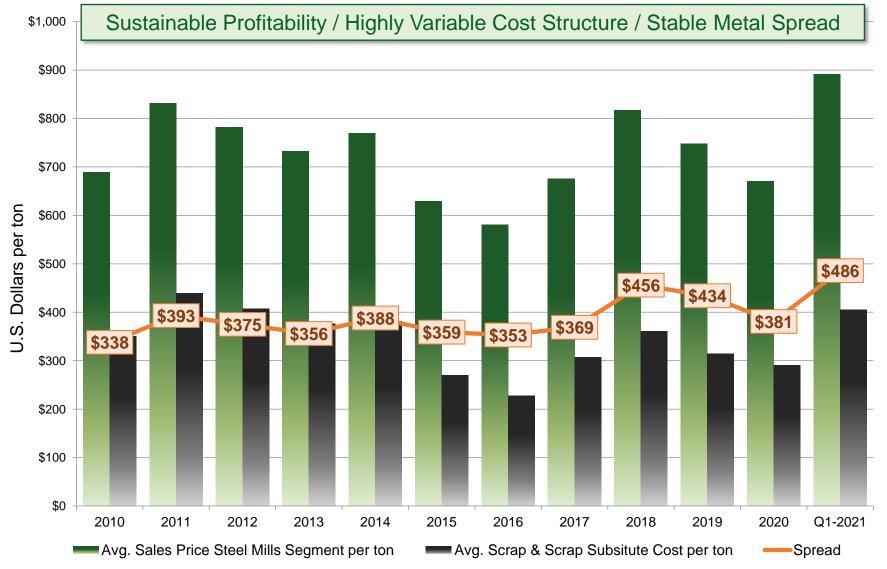
Sources: Company filings, SEC Filings, Industry Data, First River Consulting.



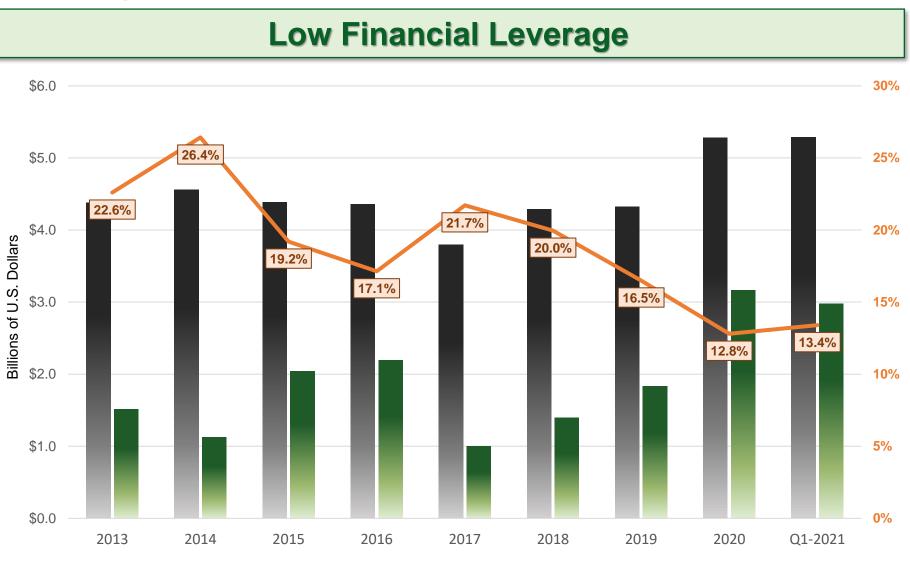
## **Diversified Product Mix**



## Low, Highly-Variable Cost Structure



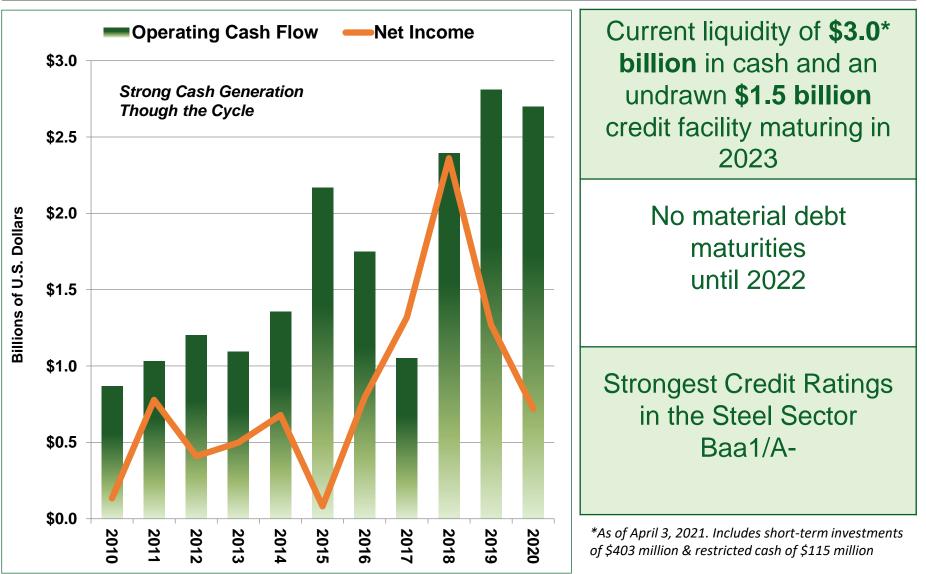
## **Strong Balance Sheet**



Cash —Net Debt / Capital

Debt

## **Ample Financial Flexibility**

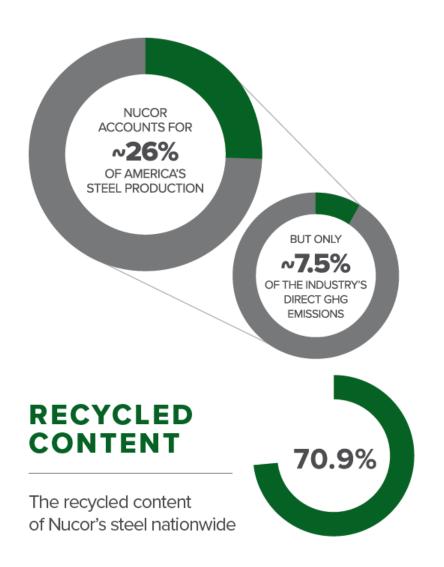




## LOOKING AHEAD



## **Enhanced Environmental Stewardship**

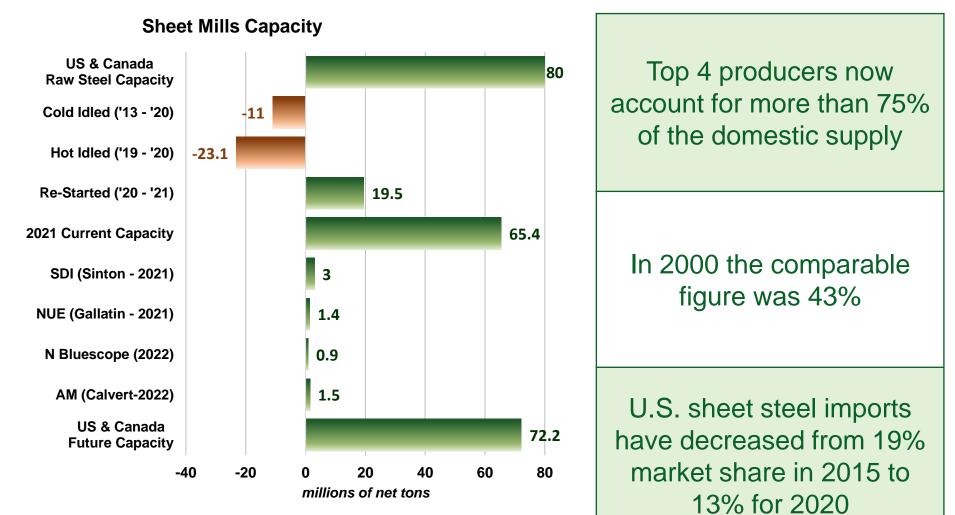


Nucor's greenhouse gas intensity is approximately half the global average

### Nucor is leveraging renewable power to further reduce its GHG intensity

Nucor's products are enabling the transformation of the electrical grid and the light-weighting of autos

## Evolving Sheet Steel Supply Landscape

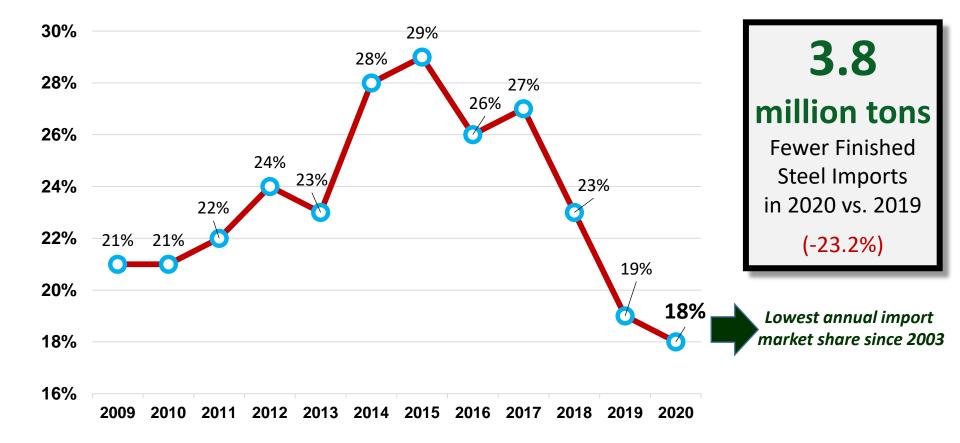


#### Notes:

- Tons shown include both EAF and Blast Furnace Rated Raw Capacity.
- Coil-Plate and Slab Rolling Mill Capacity Not Included
- BRS Ph 2 & Stelco upgrades completed in '20 and included in current capacity

## **Imports' Shrinking Market Share**

Imports' Share of U.S. Finished Steel Market (2009-2020)



## **Strategic Growth Program Continues**

## Steelmaking

Midwest Plate Mill

Cost, quality leadership Broad product line

## Gallatin Expansion

Enhanced capabilities Cost leadership

#### **Rebar Micro-mills**

Cost leadership Proximity to customers

#### Kankakee MBQ Expansion

Expanded product line Closest to market

## **Processing** 1.2 Million tons of New Galvanizing Capability

Value Added

Consistently strong demand for coated product

## 0.5 million tons of New Cold Rolling Capability

Flexible processing to cost effectively meet present and emerging market needs

#### Arkansas Paint Line Acquisition

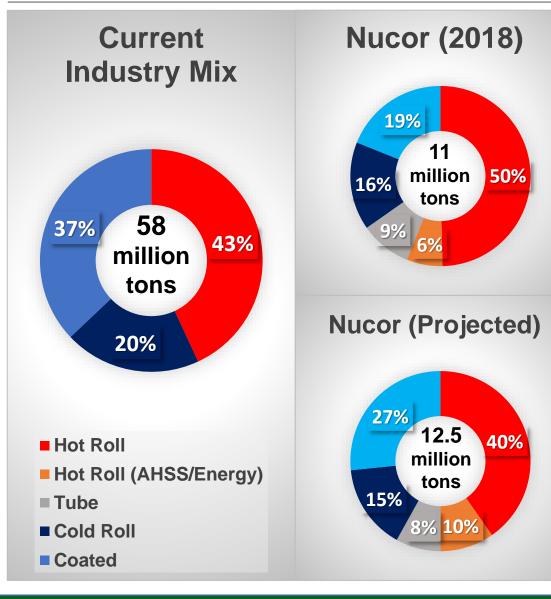
Expansions for Tubular Products and Metal Buildings

## Industrial Gas Initiative

**Adjacencies** 

Nucor's 1st ASU Hertford, NC

## **Value Added Execution in Sheet**



- Nucor's sheet mills are well positioned to serve key end use markets
- Our new capabilities will enhance existing facilities for better efficiency, returns and meeting customer requirements
- Added capability is diversified to serve targeted, strategic markets
- Supported by 1.4 million tons of additional substrate at Gallatin
- There are more investments in value added capabilities in the planning stages



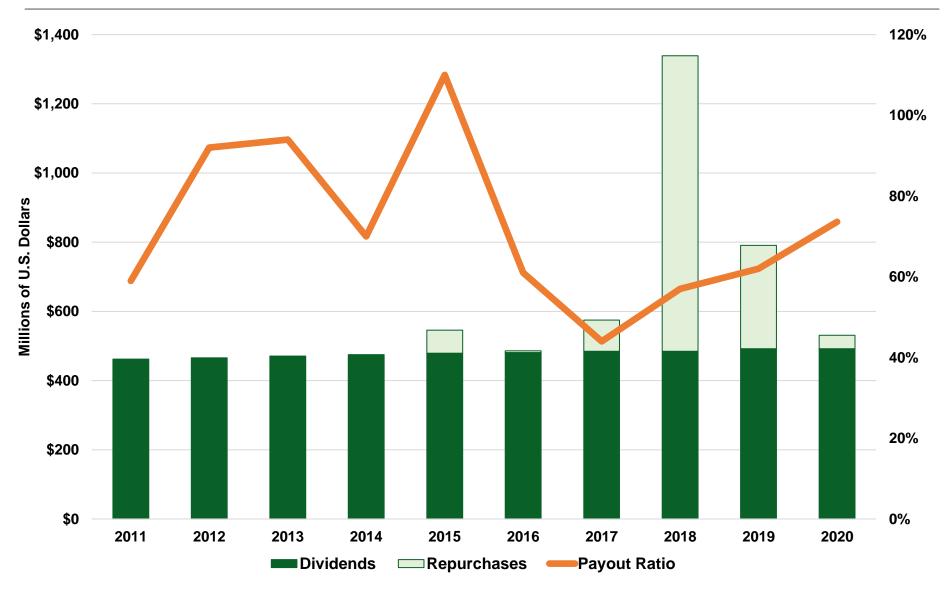
## **Capital Allocation Priorities**



We expect to return a minimum of 40% of our earnings to shareholders, while maintaining our strong investment grade (Baa1/A-) credit rating

## \$6.1 Billion Returned – 10 Year Period Ended 2020





## **Investing in High Return Growth**



- Nucor seeks opportunities to deploy growth capital at an IRR substantially above our cost of capital
- In 2021, we expect our capital expenditures to be approximately \$2 billion
  - Major growth projects including:
    - \$900 million Brandenburg plate mill
    - \$250 million Gallatin sheet mill modernization & expansion
    - \$100 million Hickman sheet mill Gen 3
      Flex Galvanizing Line
  - Approximately 80% of 2021 capital spend for expanded product capabilities & reduced costs
  - Annual maintenance capex averages around \$400 million to \$500 million
- Major growth projects detailed on the following slides total approximately \$4 billion capital commitment (\$1.9 billion remaining at year-end 2020)
- Nucor expects these growth investments to contribute incremental annual EBITDA exceeding \$600 million during normal business environments

## **Growth Investments – In Production**

Project	Product	Startup	Capex (\$ millions)
Ohio Rebar Rolling Mill Modernization 2020 Cost & Profit Performance well above budget	Bar	2019	\$85
Gallatin, KY Hot Band Galvanizing Line 2020 was first full year of production – 40% ahead of plan	Sheet	2019	\$200
Arkansas Specialty Flexible Cold Mill 2020 was first full year of production – 30% ahead of plan	Sheet	2019	\$245
Nucor-JFE Mexico Joint Venture Galvanizing Line <sup>1</sup> Production underway after lengthy COVID related delays	Sheet	2020	\$180
Missouri Rebar Micro Mill Finished commissioning in Q2 & profitable in Q3	Bar	2020	\$245
Kankakee, IL Midwest Merchant Bar Expansion Commissioning finished in December 2020	Bar	2020	\$187
Florida Rebar Micro Mill Began production/commissioning in December 2020	Bar	2020	\$249

## **Growth Investments – Pipeline**

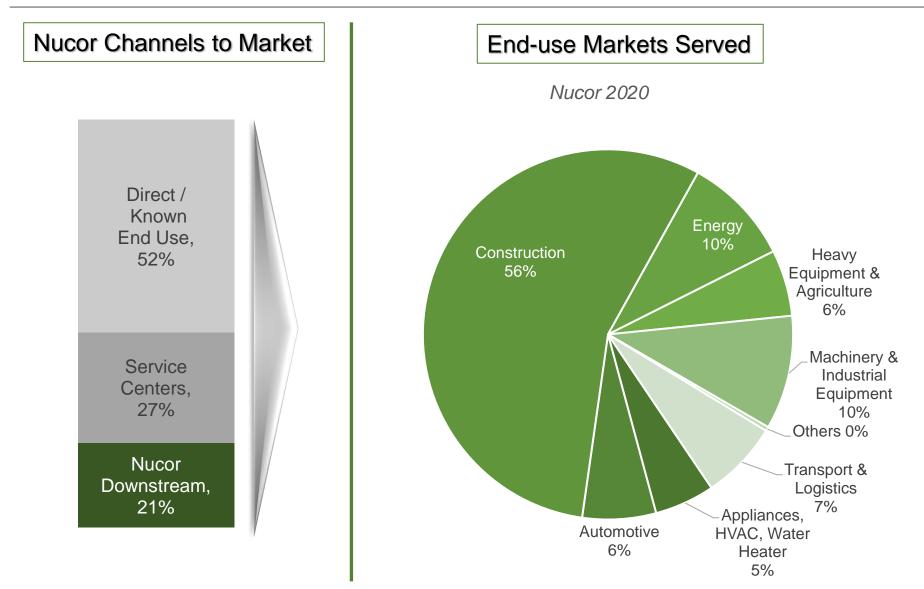
Project	Product	Startup	Budgeted Amount (millions of \$USD)
Gallatin, KY Hot Band Capacity Expansion Expands annual capacity by 1.4 million tons to 3.0 mm tons Expanded capabilities to supply heavier gauge, wider coils.	Sheet	Late 2021	\$650
Arkansas Gen 3 Flex Galvanizing Line 500,000 tons annual capacity Produce continuous galvanized & continuous annealed sheet Unique thermal processing for Advanced High Strength Steels	Sheet	Second Half 2021	\$325
Brandenburg, Kentucky Greenfield Plate Mill 1.2 million tons annual capacity Expand Nucor's capability to wider & thicker plate products Located on Ohio River in the heart of U.S. plate market	Plate	Late 2022	\$1,700



## APPENDIX

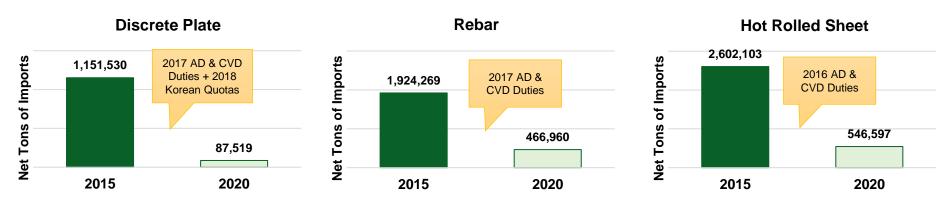


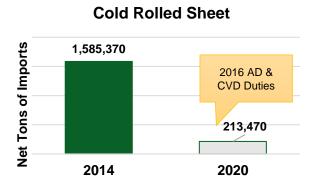
## **Market Channels & End Markets**



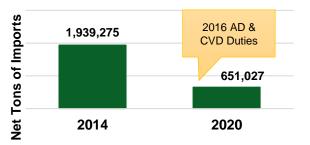
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Driven by trade case successes – <u>Total Imports from Subject Countries</u>



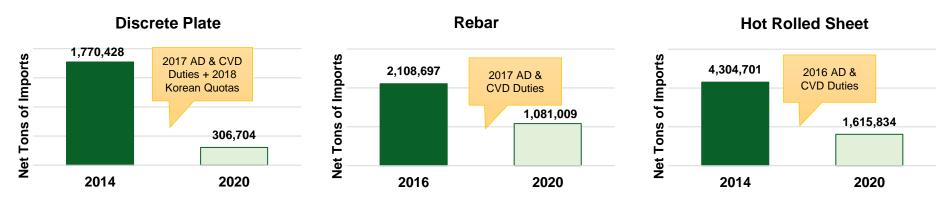


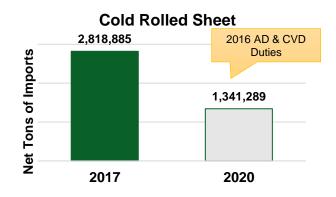
Corrosion-Resistant (Galvanized) Sheet

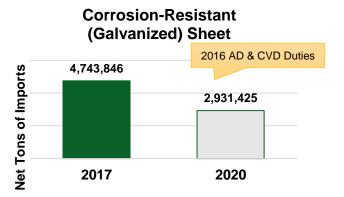


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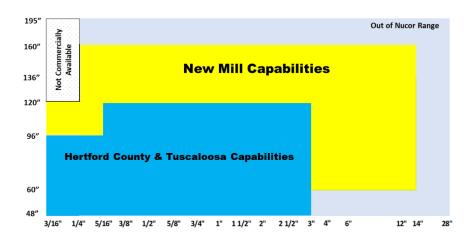






## Strategic Investments Brandenburg, Kentucky Plate Mill

- State of the art mill situated on the Ohio River in the middle of the largest plate consuming region in the U.S.
- Positions Nucor for market leadership in plate products with an ability to produce 97% of those consumed domestically





## Strategic Investments Gallatin, Kentucky Projects

Brownfield Investments Aimed at Enhanced Competitiveness in the Heart of the Flat Rolled Market

- Hot band galvanizing line
  - Widest in North America
  - Capability to serve growing automotive applications
- Cost effective modernization and doubling of capacity
  - Increases maximum coil width to about 73 inches
  - Opens up significant new markets currently served by higher cost competitors







## Strategic Investments Hickman, Arkansas Projects

Nucor Arkansas



- 1. Cold Mill Expansion
  - Adding a specialty cold rolling complex, utilizing existing melt capacity
  - Expands Nucor's capability to produce Motor Lamination (ML), High Strength Low Alloy (HSLA), & Advance High Strength Steel (AHSS) products
  - Flexible cold reduction mill will allow us to cold reduce to both lighter gauge & much higher strength levels to meet our customers' light weighting goals
  - Adds about 500,000 tons of value added CR capability
  - \$245 million investment
    - 2. Galvanizing Line
    - Adding a Generation 3 Flex Galvanizing Line
    - Utilizes Specialty Cold Mill substrate
    - Capable of efficiently making the widest variety of grades to support the current & future demand for Coated / 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Advanced High Strength Steel (AHSS) market
    - Annual capacity of about 500,000 tons
    - > \$275 million investment
    - Expect mid-2021 start-up

## Strategic Investments Long Products

## NUCOR

#### Improving Scale, Diversification and Earnings Power

#### 📥 Nucor Kankakee

- Build a full range merchant bar mill at existing Illinois steel mill leveraging existing melt capacity
- Capitalizes on Nucor's position as a low cost producer & benefits from multiple logistical advantages
- Takes advantage of abundant low-cost scrap supply in the region
- Annual merchant bar rolling capacity of 500,000 tons
- \$185 million investment



**Nucor Micro Mill** 

DJJ Scrap Yards

- Build a rebar micro mill in Sedalia, Missouri (near Kansas City)
- Enhances low cost position by capitalizing on significant logistical advantages
- Utilizes an abundant scrap supply with existing infrastructure of Nucor's DJJ scrap operations
- Annual capacity of about 350,000 tons
- \$245 million investment



- Modernization of rolling mill at Ohio steel bar mill
- Updated technology will reduce operating costs
- Marion's annual capacity is 400,000 tons (produces rebar & signpost)
- Enhances position as low cost producer & market leader in rebar
   \$85 million investment

🔆 Nucor Micro Mill

**DJJ Scrap Yards** 

- Build a rebar micro mill in a growing market in Frostproof, Florida
- Enhances low cost position by capitalizing on significant logistical advantages
- Utilizes an abundant scrap supply with existing infrastructure of Nucor's DJJ scrap operations
- Estimated annual capacity of 350,000 tons
- \$240 million investment; Expected start-up in Q4-2020

## **EBITDA Reconciliation**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net earnings	836	1,371	2,481	1,381	900	193
Net Interest expense	153	121	136	174	169	174
Provision for income taxes	-	412	748	369	398	49
Depreciation expense	702	649	631	636	613	626
Amortization expense	83	86	89	91	74	74
Impairments and losses on assets	614	67	110	0	0	245
EBITDA	2,388	2,706	4,195	2,651	2,155	1,360

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