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

FORM 10-Q

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2009

Commission File Number 0-18051

DENNY'S CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization 13-3487402 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

203 East Main Street Spartanburg, South Carolina 29319-0001 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(864) 597-8000 (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 b No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes " No "

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 filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer "

Accelerated filer b

Non-accelerated filer "(Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company"

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

Yes " No b

As of October 27, 2009, 96,605,496 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, were outstanding.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Denny's Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

| | Quarter Ended September 30, September 24, | | | Three Quarte September 30, | | September 24, | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------|----------|----------------------------|--------|---------------|----|---------|
| | | 2009 | (T., 4la | 2008 | 1. | 2009 | | 2008 |
| Revenue: | | | (In th | ousands, except | per sn | are amounts) | | |
| Company restaurant sales | \$ | 116,579 | \$ | 160,608 | \$ | 377,655 | \$ | 493,434 |
| Franchise and license revenue | ψ | 29,485 | φ | 28,667 | ψ | 89,982 | φ | 82,109 |
| Total operating revenue | | 146,064 | | 189,275 | | 467,637 | | 575,543 |
| Costs of company restaurant | | 140,004 | | 107,273 | | 407,037 | | 373,343 |
| sales: | | | | | | | | |
| Product costs | | 26,924 | | 38,811 | | 88,513 | | 119,790 |
| Payroll and benefits | | 44,712 | | 65,582 | | 154,623 | | 208,331 |
| Occupancy | | 7,808 | | 9,475 | | 24,908 | | 30,003 |
| Other operating expenses | | 18,147 | | 25,384 | | 56,739 | | 75,322 |
| Total costs of company | | , | | , | | , | | ĺ |
| restaurant sales | | 97,591 | | 139,252 | | 324,783 | | 433,446 |
| Costs of franchise and license | | | | | | | | |
| revenue | | 10,308 | | 8,757 | | 32,295 | | 25,448 |
| General and administrative | | | | | | | | |
| expenses | | 14,313 | | 14,894 | | 44,067 | | 46,046 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 7,865 | | 9,977 | | 24,592 | | 30,110 |
| Operating gains, losses and | | | | | | | | |
| other charges, net | | (2,648) | | (4,294) | | (6,101) | | (9,980) |
| Total operating costs and | | | | | | | | |
| expenses | | 127,429 | | 168,586 | | 419,636 | | 525,070 |
| Operating income | | 18,635 | | 20,689 | | 48,001 | | 50,473 |
| Other expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| Interest expense, net | | 8,117 | | 8,761 | | 24,847 | | 26,845 |
| Other nonoperating expense | | | | | | | | |
| (income), net | | (363) | | 677 | | (1,594) | | 4,436 |
| Total other expenses, net | | 7,754 | | 9,438 | | 23,253 | | 31,281 |
| Net income before income | | | | | | | | |
| taxes | | 10,881 | | 11,251 | | 24,748 | | 19,192 |
| Provision for income taxes | | 848 | | 689 | | 1,072 | | 1,355 |
| Net income | \$ | 10,033 | \$ | 10,562 | \$ | 23,676 | \$ | 17,837 |
| NI.4 : | | | | | | | | |
| Net income per share: | ¢ | 0.10 | Ф | 0.11 | Ф | 0.25 | Ф | 0.10 |
| Basic | \$ | 0.10 | \$ | 0.11 | \$ | 0.25 | \$ | 0.19 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.10 | \$ | 0.11 | \$ | 0.24 | \$ | 0.18 |

Weighted average shares outstanding: