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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of May, 2004.

CNH GLOBAL N.V.

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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Summary North American Retail Unit Sales Activity
For Selected Agricultural and Construction Equipment,
During the Month of April and Cumulative for 4 Months, 2004,
And Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural
Equipment at the End of March 2004
Relative to Industry Results or Levels, Compared with Prior Year Periods

The following table summarizes selected agricultural and construction equipment industry retail unit sales results in North America as compared with prior year periods. Industry results for the current periods are expressed as a percentage change from the prior year periods, by major product category. The percentage change reflects only industry retail unit sales results and is derived from flash, or preliminary actual, data of the U.S. Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) and of the Canadian Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute (CFIEI).

These industry data are based on unit sales as preliminarily reported by AEM and CFIEI member companies and include most, but not all, of the equipment sold in each of the categories. The data are subject to revision from time to time and caution should be maintained when using the data for any purpose. Actual results will vary and may not be known for some time. Over time, industry results will be adjusted to reflect actual sales differences, reclassifications, or other factors. Retail unit sales will fluctuate from month to month due to several factors, including timing of new products and new product introductions, product availability, and sales programs. CNH Global N.V.'s performance for the same periods is described relative to the change in industry results.

Also included in the table are indicators of North American dealer inventory levels. Industry data are derived from the flash, or preliminary actual, data of the AEM and CFIEI and expressed as the number of months of inventory on hand, based on the simple average of the previous 12 months retail unit sales results. CNH Global N.V.'s dealer's inventory levels for the same periods are described relative to the industry levels.

This information reflects point-in-time data that is not necessarily representative of either the market nor of CNH Global N.V.'s relative performance going forward, nor does it reflect or imply any forward-looking information regarding the market or CNH Global N.V.'s relative performance in that market.

Copies of the relevant Agricultural Flash report from AEM and CFIEI follow the table.

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April N.A. Activity

SUMMARY OF NORTH AMERICAN RETAIL ACTIVITY

CATEGORY	Total North American INDUSTRY	CNH RELATIVE PERFORMANCE (All Brands)
RETAIL UNIT SALES: MONTH OF APRIL 2004		
Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	+12.4%	up mid single digits
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	+23.7%	up low double digits, moderately less than the industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	+42.5%	up moderate double digits, slightly less than the industry
4 wheel drive tractors	+12.3%	down low double digits
Sub total tractors over 40 hp	+27.7%	up low double digits, moderately less than the industry
Total Ag tractors	+18.2%	up high single digits
Combines	+0.9%	down high double digits
Loader/backhoes	up significantly	up high single digits
Skid Steer Loaders	up significantly	up mid single digits
Total Heavy Construction Equipment	up significantly	up high double digits, moderately less than the industry

**RETAIL UNIT SALES:
4 MONTHS, 2004**

Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	+15.2%	down low single digits
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	+18.5%	up low double digits, moderately less than the industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	+29.2%	up high single digits
4 wheel drive tractors	+21.1%	up low double digits, moderately less than the industry
Sub total tractors over 40 hp	+21.4%	up low double digits, moderately less than the industry
Total Ag tractors	+17.8%	up mid single digits
Combines	+1.9%	down moderate double digits
Loader/backhoes	up significantly	up low double digits
Skid Steer Loaders	up significantly	up low double digits
Total Heavy Construction Equipment	up significantly	up moderate double digits, moderately less than the industry

**DEALER INVENTORIES:
END OF March 2004**

Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	6.4 months supply	in line with the industry
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	5.7 months supply	1/2 month less than the industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	5.1 months supply	1/2 month less than the industry
4 wheel drive tractors	3.9 months supply	> 1 month less than the industry

Total tractors	6.0 months supply	1/2 month less than the industry
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Combines Dated: May 20, 2004	4.2 months supply	1 month more than the industry
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April 2004 Flash Report
U.S. Unit Retail Sales
 (Report released 5/13/2004)

Equipment	April 2004	April 2003	% Chg.	Y-T-D 2004	Y-T-D 2003	% Chg.	March 2004 U.S. Field Inventory
Farm Wheel Tractors - 2 Wheel Drive							
Under 40 HP	17,028	15,271	11.5	38,342	33,399	14.8	68,052
40 & Under 100 HP	7,529	6,025	25.0	19,529	16,191	20.6	29,665
100 HP & Over	2,928	1,959	49.5	7,777	5,458	42.5	6,334
Total - 2 Wheel Drive	27,485	23,255	18.2	65,648	55,048	19.3	104,051
Total - 4 Wheel Drive	552	465	18.7	1,342	1,072	25.2	965
Total Farm Wheel Tractors	28,037	23,720	18.2	66,990	56,120	19.4	105,016
Combines (Self-Propelled)	470	471	-0.2	1,118	1,121	-0.3	1,484

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These data are, in part, estimates that are subject to revisions when final detail data become available. Because of the seasonal nature of the industry, comparisons of monthly data from one period to another should be done with extreme caution. These data represent most, but not all, of the manufacturers in each product category being sold at retail in the fifty states and the District of Columbia.

Ag Flash Report is updated by the 15th of the month.

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(Report released 5/13/2004)

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Equipment	April			April YTD			March	
	2004	2003	% Chg.	2004	2003	% Chg.	2004 Canadian (Field) Inventory	2003 Canadian (Field) Inventory
Farm Wheel Tractors - 2 Wheel Drive								
Under 40 HP	662	474	39.7	1,475	1,178	25.2	3,564	3,905
40 & Under 100 HP	674	605	11.4	1,615	1,659	-2.7	2,910	3,429
100 HP & Over	583	505	15.4	1,068	1,389	-23.1	1,749	1,724
Total - 2 Wheel Drive	1,919	1,584	21.1	4,158	4,226	-1.6	8,223	9,058
Total - 4 Wheel Drive	169	177	-4.5	313	295	6.1	250	336
Total Farm Wheel Tractors	2,088	1,761	18.6	4,471	4,521	-1.1	8,473	9,394
Combines (Self-Propelled)	102	96	6.3	233	205	13.7	584	380

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CNH Global N.V.

By: /s/ Richard R. Dykhouse
Richard R. Dykhouse
Assistant Secretary

May 20, 2004