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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 January, 2005.

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 December and Cumulative for 12 Months, 2004,
And Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural
Equipment at the End of November 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 or 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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December N.A. Activity

SUMMARY OF NORTH AMERICAN RETAIL ACTIVITY

CATEGORY	Total North American INDUSTRY	CNH RELATIVE PERFORMANCE (All Brands)
RETAIL UNIT SALES: MONTH OF DECEMBER 2004		
Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	+2.8%	down low single digits
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	+23.6%	up mid single digits
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	+32.1%	down low single digits
4 wheel drive tractors	+38.5%	up moderate double digits
Sub total tractors over 40 hp	+26.0%	up mid single digits
Total Ag tractors	+14.5%	up low single digits
Combines	+14.0%	down high double digits
Loader/backhoes	up low double digits	up moderate double digits, moderately better than the industry
Skid Steer Loaders	up moderate double digits	up high double digits, significantly better than the industry
Total Heavy Construction Equipment	up high double digits	up high double digits, significantly better than the industry
RETAIL UNIT SALES: 12 MONTHS, 2004		
Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	+7.2%	up mid single digits, equal to the industry
	+16.3%	up low double digits, slightly better than the industry

40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)		
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	+29.4%	up low double digits, moderately worse than the industry
4 wheel drive tractors	+23.6%	up moderate double digits, equal to the industry
Sub total tractors over 40 hp	+19.2%	up low double digits, equal to the industry
Total Ag tractors	+12.0%	up low double digits, in line with the industry
Combines	+40.7%	up low double digits
Loader/backhoes	up moderate double digits	up moderate double digits, in line with the industry
Skid Steer Loaders	up low double digits	up low double digits, equal to the industry
Total Heavy Construction Equipment	up moderate double digits	up moderate double digits, equal to the industry

**DEALER
INVENTORIES:
END OF NOVEMBER
2004**

Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	4.5 months supply	in line with the industry
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	4.8 months supply	1/2 month less than the industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	4.1 months supply	in line with the industry
4 wheel drive tractors	3.6 months supply	in line with the industry
Total tractors	4.6 months supply	in line with the industry
Combines	2.2 months supply	1 month more than the industry

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U.S. Ag Flash Reports

December 2004 Flash Report
U.S. Unit Retail Sales
 (Report released 1/11/2005)

	December	December		Y-T-D	Y-T-D		November
	2004	2003	%	2004	2003	%	2004
Equipment			Chg.			Chg.	U.S. Field
Farm Wheel Tractors - 2							Inventory
Wheel Drive							
Under 40 HP	7,431	7,347	1.1	133,775	125,728	6.4	49,940
40 & Under 100 HP	6,550	5,316	23.2	71,135	60,322	17.9	27,769
100 HP & Over	1,816	1,346	34.9	19,885	14,234	39.7	6,318
Total - 2 Wheel Drive	15,797	14,009	12.8	224,795	200,284	12.2	84,027
Total - 4 Wheel Drive	361	263	37.3	3,604	2,823	27.7	1,060
Total Farm Wheel							
Tractors	16,158	14,272	13.2	228,399	203,107	12.5	85,087
Combines (Self-Propelled)	623	561	11.1	6,683	4,631	44.3	1,126

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(Report released 1/11/2005)

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	December			December YTD			November	
	2004	2003	% Chg.	2004	2003	% Chg.	2004 Canadian (Field) Inventory	2003 Canadian (Field) Inventory
Equipment								
Farm Wheel Tractors - 2 Wheel Drive								
Under 40 HP	423	290	45.9	7,004	5,612	24.8	3,056	2,804
40 & Under 100 HP	608	473	28.5	6,568	6,518	0.8	2,531	2,661
100 HP & Over	305	260	17.3	3,477	3,816	-8.9	1,538	1,441
Total - 2 Wheel Drive	1,336	1,023	30.6	17,049	15,946	6.9	7,107	6,906
Total - 4 Wheel Drive	85	59	44.1	718	673	6.7	204	194
Total Farm Wheel Tractors	1,421	1,082	31.3	17,767	16,619	6.9	7,311	7,100
Combines (Self-Propelled)	158	124	27.4	1,564	1,231	27.1	351	360

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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

January 13, 2004