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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 March 2012

Commission File No. 333-05752

CNH GLOBAL N.V.

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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List of Exhibits:

1. Registrant's Summary North American Retail Unit Sales Activity for Selected Agricultural Equipment During the Month of February and Cumulative for 2 Months of 2012, Compared with Prior Year Periods, and Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural Equipment at the End of January 2012 Relative to Industry Results or Levels.
2. Registrant's Estimated North American Retail Unit Sales Activity for Selected Construction Equipment During the Month of February and Cumulative for 2 Months of 2012, Relative to Industry Results or Levels, Compared with Prior Year Periods.

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/ Camillo Rossotto
Camillo Rossotto
Chief Financial Officer

March 15, 2012

Summary North American Retail Unit Sales Activity for Selected Agricultural Equipment

During the Month of February and Cumulative for 2 Months of 2012, Compared with Prior Year

Periods, and Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural

Equipment at the End of January 2012 Relative to Industry Results or Levels

The following table summarizes selected agricultural 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 monthly Agricultural Flash reports from AEM and CFIEI follow the table.

SUMMARY OF NORTH AMERICAN RETAIL ACTIVITY

CATEGORY	Total North American Industry	CNH RELATIVE PERFORMANCE (All Brands)
RETAIL UNIT SALES:	February 2012	
Month to Date		
Agricultural Tractors:		
under 40 horsepower (2WD)	(2.3)%	Up mid single digits, moderately better than the Industry
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	16.1%	Up moderate double digits, moderately more than the Industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	16.1%	Up moderate double digits, moderately more than the Industry
4 wheel drive tractors	5.9%	Up mid single digits, in line with the Industry
Subtotal tractors over 40 hp	15.2%	Up moderate double digits, moderately more than the Industry
Total Ag tractors	7.2%	Up low double digits, moderately more than the Industry
Combines	(52.7)%	Down high double digits, slightly less than the Industry
Year to Date		
Agricultural Tractors:		
under 40 horsepower (2WD)	0.9%	Down mid single digits, moderately worse than the Industry
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	10.5%	Up low double digits, moderately more than the Industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	8.0%	Up low double digits, moderately more than the Industry
4 wheel drive tractors	(12.4)%	Up low double digits, significantly better than the Industry
Subtotal tractors over 40 hp	7.7%	Up low double digits, moderately more than the Industry
Total Ag tractors	4.9%	Up low double digits, moderately more than the Industry
Combines	(47.7)%	Down moderate double digits, significantly less than the Industry
AG DEALER INVENTORIES:	January 2012	
End of the month		
Agricultural Tractors:		
under 40 horsepower (2WD)	7.7 months supply	1/2 months more than the Industry
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	5.7 months supply	1/2 months less than the Industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	2.7 months supply	In line with the Industry
4 wheel drive tractors	2 months supply	1/2 months more than the Industry
Total tractors	6.1 months supply	1 month less than the Industry
Combines	1.3 months supply	1/2 months more than the Industry

Estimated North American Retail Unit Sales Activity for Selected Construction Equipment

During the Month of February and Cumulative for 2 Months of 2012, Relative to Industry Results

or Levels, Compared with Prior Year Periods

The following table summarizes CNH's estimates of selected construction equipment industry retail unit sales results in North America as compared with prior year periods. Estimated industry results for the current periods are expressed in terms of the percentage change from the prior year periods, by major product category.

These industry preliminary estimates are based on unit sales and are believed to include most, but not all, of the equipment sold in each of the categories. The estimates 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 also 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.

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ESTIMATED NORTH AMERICAN RETAIL ACTIVITY		
CATEGORY	Total North American Industry	CNH RELATIVE PERFORMANCE (All Brands)
RETAIL UNIT SALES:	February 2012	
Month to Date		
Loader/backhoes	Up high double digits	Up triple digits, significantly more than the Industry
Skid Steer Loaders	Up high double digits	Up triple digits, significantly more than the Industry
Total Light Equipment*	Up high double digits	Up triple digits, significantly more than the Industry
Total Heavy Equipment**	Up moderate double digits	Up moderate double digits, slightly less than the Industry
Year to Date		
Loader/backhoes	Up high double digits	Up triple digits, significantly more than the Industry
Skid Steer Loaders	Up moderate double digits	Up triple digits, significantly more than the Industry
Total Light Equipment*	Up high double digits	Up triple digits, significantly more than the Industry
Total Heavy Equipment**	Up moderate double digits	Up moderate double digits, in line with the Industry

* As of January 1, 2009 compact track loaders and rough terrain forklift have been included in light equipment, as industry volume estimates are available for both 2008 and 2009.

** As of January 1, 2009 crawler loaders have been excluded from heavy equipment, as units volumes are no longer significant.