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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 2006**

**CNH GLOBAL N.V.**

**(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)**

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Yes ☐ No ☒

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1. Registrant's Summary North American Retail Unit Sales Activity For Selected Agricultural and Construction Equipment, During the Month of April and Cumulative for 4 Months 2006, And Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural Equipment at the End of March 2006 Relative to Industry Results or Levels, Compared with Prior Year Periods.
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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 2006,  
and Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural  
Equipment at the End of March 2006

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 monthly Agricultural Flash reports from AEM and CFIEI follow the table.

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April N.A. Activity

**SUMMARY OF NORTH AMERICAN RETAIL ACTIVITY**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Total North American INDUSTRY</b>	<b>CNH RELATIVE PERFORMANCE (All Brands)</b>
<b>RETAIL UNIT SALES: MONTH of APRIL 2006</b>		
Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	(3.3)%	down high single digits
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	(0.2)%	down high single digits
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	(16.6)%	down moderate double digits
4 wheel drive tractors	(40.8)%	down high double digits, significantly worse than the industry
Sub total tractors over 40 hp	(7.1)%	down moderate double digits, moderately worse than the industry
Total Ag tractors	(4.9)%	down low double digits, moderately worse than the industry
Combines	(11.9)%	down equal to the industry
Loader/backhoes	down moderate double digits	down moderate double digits, moderately more than the industry
Skid Steer Loaders	down low double digits	down low double digits, slightly less than the industry
Total Heavy Construction Equipment	down mid single digits	down mid single digits, in line with the industry
<b>RETAIL UNIT SALES: 4 MONTHS, 2006</b>		
Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	+1.5%	up mid-single digits, moderately better than the industry

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40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	+4.1%	up low double digits, moderately better than the industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	(9.4)%	up high single digits, significantly better than the industry
4 wheel drive tractors	(13.0)%	down moderate double digits, moderately worse than the industry
Sub total tractors over 40 hp	(0.2)%	up low double digits, moderately better than the industry
Total Ag tractors	+0.7%	up high single digits, moderately better than the industry
Combines	+1.6%	up moderate double digits, moderately better than the industry
Loader/backhoes	down high single digits	up low single digits
Skid Steer Loaders	down mid single digits	up low double digits
Total Heavy Construction Equipment	up low double digits	up high single digits

**DEALER INVENTORIES:  
END OF MARCH 2006**

Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	7.1 months supply	<sup>1</sup> /2 month higher than the industry
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	5.5 months supply	<sup>1</sup> /2 month higher than the industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	4.1 months supply	<sup>1</sup> /2 month lower than the industry
4 wheel drive tractors	3.3 months supply	<sup>1</sup> /2 month less than the industry
Total tractors	6.2 months supply	in line with the industry
Combines	2.7 months supply	> 1 month higher than the industry

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## U.S. Ag Flash Reports

## April 2006 Flash Report

## U.S. Unit Retail Sales

(Report released 5/10/2006)

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	April	April		Y-T-D			March
	2006	2005	%	2006	Y-T-D	%	2006
Equipment			Chg.			Chg.	U.S. Field
Farm Wheel Tractors - 2 Wheel Drive							Inventory
Under 40 HP	14,684	15,246	-3.7	37,107	36,722	1.0	75,155
40 & Under 100 HP	7,947	7,820	1.6	22,987	22,177	3.7	35,165
100 HP & Over	2,249	2,764	-18.6	6,991	7,947	-12.0	6,341
<b>Total - 2 Wheel Drive</b>	<b>24,880</b>	<b>25,830</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>67,085</b>	<b>66,846</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>116,661</b>
<b>Total - 4 Wheel Drive</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>-46.4</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>921</b>
<b>Total Farm Wheel Tractors</b>	<b>25,232</b>	<b>26,487</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>68,270</b>	<b>68,259</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>117,582</b>
<b>Combines (Self-Propelled)</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1,336</b>



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	April			April YTD			March	
	2006	2005	% Chg.	2006	2005	% Chg.	2006 Canadian (Field)	2005 Canadian (Field)
<b>Equipment</b>							<b>Inventory</b>	<b>Inventory</b>
<b>Farm Wheel Tractors - 2 Wheel Drive</b>								
Under 40 HP	943	909	3.7	1,970	1,759	12.0	5,386	4,365
40 & Under 100 HP	650	791	-17.8	1,924	1,745	10.3	3,106	2,909
100 HP & Over	493	524	-5.9	1,201	1,099	9.3	1,692	1,622
<b>Total - 2 Wheel Drive</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>5,095</b>	<b>4,603</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10,184</b>	<b>8,887</b>
<b>Total - 4 Wheel Drive</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>-19.9</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>271</b>
<b>Total Farm Wheel Tractors</b>	<b>2,227</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>5,369</b>	<b>4,867</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>10,465</b>	<b>9,158</b>
<b>Combines (Self-Propelled)</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>-18.8</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>460</b>

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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/ Camillo Rossotto  
Camillo Rossotto  
Treasurer

May 15, 2006