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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 February 2009**

**Commission File No. 333-05752**

## **CNH GLOBAL N.V.**

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

**World Trade Center**

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**The Netherlands**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Yes  No

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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 January and Cumulative for 1 Month of 2009, Compared with Prior Year Periods, and Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural Equipment at the End of December 2008 Relative to Industry Results or Levels.
2. Registrant's Estimated North American Retail Unit Sales Activity For Selected Construction Equipment During the Month of January and Cumulative for 1 Month of 2009, 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/ Rubin J. McDougal  
Rubin J. McDougal  
Chief Financial Officer

February 18, 2009

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Summary North American Retail Unit Sales Activity

For Selected Agricultural Equipment

During the Month of January and Cumulative for 1 Month 2009, Compared with Prior Year

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

Equipment at the End of December 2008

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<br>American<br>INDUSTRY | CNH RELATIVE PERFORMANCE<br><br>(All Brands)                       |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>RETAIL UNIT SALES:</b>                           |                                     |  |
| <b>MONTH of January 2009</b>                        |                                     |  |
| Agricultural Tractors:<br>under 40 horsepower (2WD) | (17.3)%                             | Down high double digits, significantly more than the industry      |
| 40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)                          | (15.0)%                             | Down moderate double digits, significantly more than the industry  |
| over 100 horsepower (2WD)                           | 7.0%                                | Down low double digits, significantly worse than the industry      |
| 4 wheel drive tractors                              | 15.4%                               | Down moderate double digits, significantly worse than the industry |
| Sub total tractors over 40 hp                       | (7.0)%                              | Down moderate double digits, significantly more than the industry  |
| Total Ag tractors                                   | (11.3)%                             | Down moderate double digits, significantly more than the industry  |
| Combines  | 13.2%                               | Up high single digits, slightly less than the industry             |
| <b>RETAIL UNIT SALES:</b>                           |                                     |  |
| <b>1 MONTH 2009</b>                                 |                                     |  |
| Agricultural Tractors:<br>under 40 horsepower (2WD) | (17.3)%                             | Down high double digits, significantly more than the industry      |
| 40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)                          | (15.0)%                             | Down moderate double digits, significantly more than the industry  |
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| Total Ag tractors                                   | (11.3)%                             | Down moderate double digits, significantly more than the industry  |
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| <b>AG DEALER INVENTORIES:</b>                       |                                     |  |
| <b>END OF December 2008</b>                         |                                     |  |
| Agricultural Tractors:<br>under 40 horsepower (2WD) | 6.9 months supply                   | in line with the industry  |
| 40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)                          | 5.6 months supply                   | in line with the industry  |
| over 100 horsepower (2WD)                           | 3.0 months supply                   | in line with the industry  |
| 4 wheel drive tractors                              | 1.7 months supply                   | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> month less than the industry           |
| Total tractors                                      | 5.8 months supply                   | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> month less than the industry           |
| Combines  | 0.9 months supply                   | equal to the industry  |









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Estimated North American Retail Unit Sales Activity

For Selected Construction Equipment

During the Month of January and Cumulative for 1 Month of 2009,

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 January 2009**

| CATEGORY                     | Total North             | CNH RELATIVE PERFORMANCE<br>(All Brands)                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                              | American<br>INDUSTRY    |  |
| <b>RETAIL UNIT SALES:</b>    |                         |  |
| <b>MONTH of January 2009</b> |                         |  |
| Loader/backhoes              | Down high double digits | Down high double digits, in line with the industry         |
| Skid Steer Loaders           | Down high double digits | Down high double digits, moderately more than the industry |
| Total Light Equipment*       | Down high double digits | Down high double digits, in line with the industry         |
| Total Heavy Equipment**      | Down high double digits | Down moderate double digits, in line with the industry     |
| <b>RETAIL UNIT SALES:</b>    |                         |  |
| <b>1 MONTH 2009</b>          |                         |  |
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Down 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.