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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, 2001.

CNH GLOBAL N.V.

(TRANSLATION OF REGISTRANT'S NAME INTO ENGLISH)

WORLD TRADE CENTER  
TOWER B, 10TH FLOOR  
AMSTERDAM AIRPORT  
THE NETHERLANDS

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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## List of Exhibits:

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, 2001, And Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural Equipment at the End of March 2001 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, 2001,  
And Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels  
for Selected Agricultural  
Equipment at the End of March 2001  
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. Equipment Manufacturers Institute ("EMI") and of the Canadian Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute ("CFIEI").

These industry data are based on unit sales as preliminarily reported by EMI 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 EMI 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.

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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 EMI 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 APR. 2001		
Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	+12%	Up significantly more than the industry
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	+12%	Up significantly more than the industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	+12%	Down mid-single digits
4 wheel drive tractors	+23%	Up moderately more than the industry
Total tractors	+13%	Up significantly more than the industry
Combines	(8%)	Down significantly more than the industry
Loader/backhoes	(21%)	Down, in line with the industry
Skid Steer Loaders	(9%)	Up mid-single digits
Total Heavy Construction Equipment	(18%)	Down moderately more than the industry
RETAIL UNIT SALES: 4 MONTHS, 2001		
Agricultural Tractors: under 40 horsepower (2WD)	+10%	Up moderately more than the industry
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	+9%	Down mid-single digits
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	+10%	Down high single digits

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4 wheel drive tractors	+17%	Up significantly more than the industry
Total tractors	+10%	Up mid-single digits
Combines	+27%	Down high double digits
Loader/backhoes	(24%)	Down moderately more than the industry
Skid Steer Loaders	(12%)	Down mid single digits
Total Heavy Construction Equipment	(16%)	Down in line with the industry
DEALER INVENTORIES: END OF MARCH 2001		
Agricultural Tractors:		
under 40 horsepower (2WD)	9.4 months supply	> 1 month lower than the industry
40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)	6.7 months supply	About 1/2 month lower than the industry
over 100 horsepower (2WD)	5.5 months supply	1 month lower than the industry
4 wheel drive tractors	5.1 months supply	> 1 month lower than the industry
Total tractors	8.0 months supply	> 1 month lower than the industry
Combines	3.3 months supply	1 month higher than the industry

Dated: May 15, 2001

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APRIL 2001 FLASH REPORT  
U.S. UNIT RETAIL SALES  
(REPORT RELEASED MAY 11, 2001)

EQUIPMENT	APRIL	APRIL	%	Y-T-D 2001	Y-T-D 2000	%	2001
	2001	2000	CHG.			CHG.	U.S. FIELD INVENTORY (*)

2 WHEEL  
DRIVE

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UNDER 40 HP	10,486	9,326	12.40%	24,758	22,635	9.40%	65,476
40 & Under 100 HP	5,661	5,062	11.80%	15,486	14,116	9.70%	28,201
100 HP & Over	2,795	2,558	9.30%	7,438	6,906	7.70%	7,065
TOTAL	18,942	16,946	11.80%	47,682	43,657	9.20%	100,742
4 WHEEL DRIVE	610	493	23.70%	1,492	1,235	20.80%	1,295
TOTAL FARM WHEEL TRACTORS	19,552	17,439	12.10%	49,174	44,892	9.50%	102,037
COMBINES (SELF- PROPELLED)	361	393	-8.10%	1,376	1,034	33.10%	1,532

[Graphic data included at this point in the Flash Report has been omitted due to the inability of it being reproduced in the Edgarization process. Such data is available from the Equipment Manufacturers Institute.]

Published monthly, the EMI Agriculture Flash Report compares monthly data from the current and past year of the U.S. unit retail sales of two and four wheel drive tractors and self-propelled combines. Data shown on the report are estimates which 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. Data presented in the report represents most, but not all, of the manufacturers in each product category being sold at retail in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Note: Ag Flash Report is updated every 15th of the month.

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APRIL 2001 FLASH REPORT  
CANADA REPORT - RETAIL SALES IN UNITS  
(Report released May 14, 2001)

The Canadian Farm & Industrial Equipment Institute, Burlington, Ontario today announced retail sales of farm tractors and combine harvesters in Canada for the month.

These data are based on unit sales reported by CFIEI member companies. This report includes most, but not all of the machines and implements sold in each of these categories. These data are subject to revision from time to time and caution should be maintained when using the data for any purpose.

EQUIPMENT	APRIL			APRIL YEAR-TO-DATE			MARCH	
	2001	2000	% CHG.	2001	2000	% CHG.	2001 CANADIAN INVENTORY (FIELD)	2000 CANADIAN INVENTORY (FIELD)
2 WHEEL TRACTORS								
UNDER 40 HP	475	447	6.3%	1,185	1,058	12.0%	3,791	2,948
40& UNDER 100 HP	699	598	16.9%	1,825	1,708	6.9%	3,759	3,743
100 HP & OVER	501	386	29.8%	1,125	911	23.5%	1,599	1,392
TOTAL	1,675	1,431	17.1%	4,135	3,677	12.5%	9,149	8,083
4 WD TRACTORS								
	117	97	20.6%	223	234	-4.7%	256	211
TOTAL FARM WHEEL TRACTORS								
	1,792	1,528	17.3%	4,358	3,911	11.4%	9,405	8,294
COMBINES (SELF-PROPELLED)								
	49	54	-9.3%	190	199	-4.5%	455	573

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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/ Debra E. Kuper

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