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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 October 2008**

Commission File No. 333-05752

**CNH GLOBAL N.V.**

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

**World Trade Center**

**Tower B, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Amsterdam Airport**

**The Netherlands**

(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 September and Cumulative for 9 Months of 2008, Compared with Prior Year Periods, and Indicators of North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural Equipment at the End of August 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 September and cumulative for 9 Months of 2008, 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

October 15, 2008

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Summary North American Retail Unit Sales Activity

For Selected Agricultural Equipment

During the Month of September and Cumulative for 9 Months 2008,

Compared with Prior Year Periods, and Indicators of

North American Dealer Inventory Levels for Selected Agricultural

Equipment at the End of August 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**

| <b>CATEGORY</b>                | <b>Total North<br/>American<br/>INDUSTRY</b> | <b>CNH RELATIVE PERFORMANCE<br/><br/>(All Brands)</b>           |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>RETAIL UNIT SALES:</b>      |  |   |
| <b>MONTH of September 2008</b> |  |   |
| Agricultural Tractors:         |  |   |
| under 40 horsepower (2WD)      | +2.3%  | Down mid single digits, moderately worse than the industry      |
| 40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)     | +3.4%  | Up low double digits, moderately more than the industry         |
| over 100 horsepower (2WD)      | +59.9%                                       | Up high double digits, moderately more than the industry        |
| 4 wheel drive tractors         | +81.7%                                       | Up high double digits, significantly less than the industry     |
| Sub total tractors over 40 hp  | +18.2%                                       | Up moderate double digits, significantly more than the industry |
| Total Ag tractors              | +9.9%  | Up moderate double digits, moderately more than the industry    |
| Combines                       | +46.3%                                       | Up high double digits, moderately more than the industry        |
| <b>RETAIL UNIT SALES:</b>      |  |   |
| <b>9 MONTHS 2008</b>           |  |   |
| Agricultural Tractors:         |  |   |
| under 40 horsepower (2WD)      | (9.7)%                                       | Down moderate double digits, moderately more than the industry  |
| 40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)     | (8.8)%                                       | Down mid single digits, slightly less than the industry         |
| over 100 horsepower (2WD)      | +31.9%                                       | Up moderate double digits, moderately less than the industry    |
| 4 wheel drive tractors         | +38.0%                                       | Up moderate double digits, moderately less than the industry    |
| Sub total tractors over 40 hp  | +0.9%  | Up mid single digits, slightly more than the industry           |
| Total Ag tractors              | (4.9)%                                       | Down mid single digits, in line with the industry               |
| Combines                       | +24.8%                                       | Up moderate double digits, in line with the industry            |
| <b>AG DEALER INVENTORIES:</b>  |  |   |
| <b>END OF August 2008</b>      |  |   |
| Agricultural Tractors:         |  |   |
| under 40 horsepower (2WD)      | 6.5 months supply                            | 1 month more than the industry                                  |
| 40 to 100 horsepower (2WD)     | 5.8 months supply                            | 1/2 month more than the industry                                |
| over 100 horsepower (2WD)      | 2.8 months supply                            | 1 month more than the industry                                  |
| 4 wheel drive tractors         | 1.8 months supply                            | in line with the industry                                       |
| Total tractors                 | 5.7 months supply                            | in line with the industry                                       |
| Combines                       | 2.2 months supply                            | in line with the industry                                       |





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Estimated North American Retail Unit Sales Activity

For Selected Construction Equipment

During the Month of September and cumulative for 9 Months of 2008,

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 September 2008**

**Total North**

**American**

**CNH RELATIVE PERFORMANCE**

**CATEGORY**

**INDUSTRY**

**(All Brands)**

**RETAIL UNIT SALES:**

**MONTH of September 2008**

|                       |                             |   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Loader/backhoes       | Down moderate double digits | Down moderate double digits, Moderately more than the industry    |
| Skid Steer Loaders    | Down low double digits      | Down moderate double digits, Moderately more than the industry    |
| Total Light Equipment | Down low double digits      | Down moderate double digits, Moderately more than the industry    |
| Total Heavy Equipment | Down low double digits      | Down moderate double digits, Significantly more than the industry |

**RETAIL UNIT SALES:**

**9 MONTHS 2008**

|                       |                             |   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 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, Moderately more than the industry       |
| Total Light Equipment | Down moderate double digits | Down moderate double digits, In line with the industry          |
| Total Heavy Equipment | Down moderate double digits | Down moderate double digits, Moderately worse than the industry |