# Third Quarter 2004 Financial Results

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# AG Industry Percent Change From Prior Year Period

	Third <u>Quarter</u>	Year <u>To Date</u>
Tractors - World Wide	17	18
North America	10	11
- Under 40 HP	4	8
- Over 40 HP	20	17
Western Europe	7	6
Latin America	7	12
Rest of World	42	44
Combines - World Wide	13	14
North America	<b>52</b>	39
Western Europe	<b>(7)</b>	(14)
Latin America	(4)	28
Rest of World	(15)	8



## CE Industry Percent Change From Prior Year Period

	Third Quarter	Year To Date
Loader Backhoes - World Wide	14	20
- North America	9	26
- Western Europe	6	(6)
- Latin America	51	38
Skid Steer Loaders - World Wide	7	14
- North America	3	14
- Western Europe	14	6
- Latin America	15	34
Heavy Equipment - World Wide	11	20
- North America	34	38
- Western Europe	13	13
- Latin America	54	45



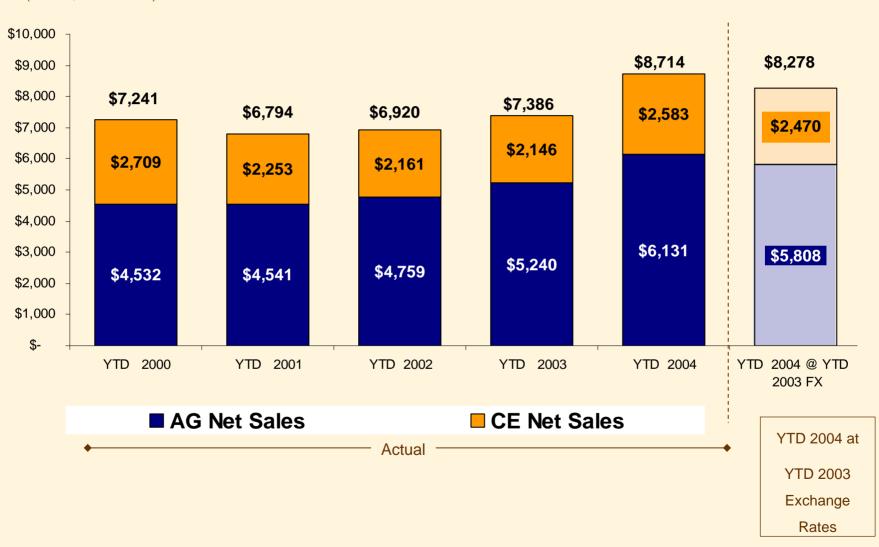
#### Q3 Equipment Operations Net Sales Trend





#### Year to Date Equipment Operations Net Sales Trend







# Q3 Equipment Operations\*\*

	Q	3 2003	% of Net Sales	Q3	3 2004	% of Net Sales
Net Sales	\$	2,355		\$	2,789	
Cost of Goods Sold		2,013			2,393	
Gross Margin		342			396	
SG&A		208			237	
R&D		62			65	
Industrial Operating Margin*		72	3.1%		94	3.4%
Other, Net		(47)			(39)	
Net Income in Unconsolidated Subs **		25			57	
Less: Interest Compensation to Fin. Services		(20)			(30)	
Minority Interest		(4)			(8)	
Depreciation & Amortization		58			61	
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$	84	3.6%	\$	135	4.9%
Industrial Operating Margin by Segment						
AG	\$	71	4.2%	\$	47	2.5%
CE		1	0.1%		47	5.4%

See Appendix for Definition and GAAP Reconciliation

Includes Financial Services, excluding Restructuring, on the equity method of accounting



# Year to Date Equipment Operations\*\*

	YTE	2003	% of Net Sales	YTI	2004	% of Net Sales
Net Sales	\$	7,386		\$	8,714	
Cost of Goods Sold		6,261			7,353	
Gross Margin		1,125	•	'	1,361	
SG&A		649			697	
R&D		198			197	
Industrial Operating Margin*		278	3.8%		467	5.4%
Other, Net		(115)			(158)	
Net Income in Unconsolidated Subs **		62			120	
Less: Interest Compensation to Fin. Services		(59)			(85)	
Minority Interest		(8)			(16)	
Depreciation & Amortization		174			194	
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$	332	4.5%	\$	522	6.0%
Industrial Operating Margin by Segment						
AG	\$	270	5.2%	\$	350	5.7%
CE		8	0.4%		117	4.5%

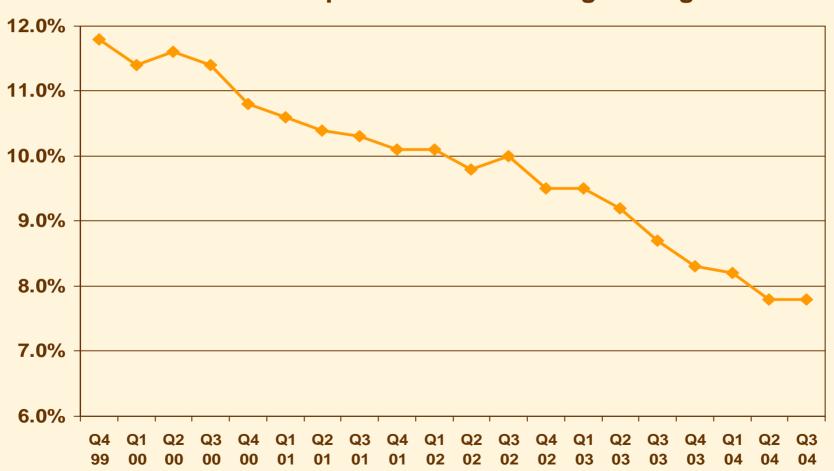
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## **Equipment Operations SG&A Trend**

# Equipment Operations SG&A as a % of Net Sales Based Upon 12 Month Rolling Average





## Net Income (Loss) Trend \*



<sup>\*</sup>Excludes \$325 cumulative effect of change in accounting principal, net of tax, related to the adoption of SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" effective in the first quarter of 2002.

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## Year to Date Equipment Operations Change in Net Debt

	YTD 2003	YTD 2004	'04 B/(W) Than '03
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (46)	\$ 99	\$ 145
Depreciation & Amortization	174	194	20
Subtotal	128	293	165
Working Capital, Net of FX Impact For The Period *	(246)	265	511
Other	33	147	114
Net Cash From Operating Activities	(85)	705	790
Net Cash From Investing Activities	(152)	(95)	57
All Other, Including FX Impact for the Period	(142)	(48)	94
Subtotal	(379)	562	941
Debt-for-Equity Exchange	2,000	-	(2,000)
(Increase) / Decrease in Net Debt**	\$ 1,621	\$ 562	\$ (1,059)

<sup>\*</sup> Net change in receivables, inventories and payables including inter-segment

<sup>\*\*</sup> See Appendix for definition and GAAP reconciliation



- Pricing realization
- Performance in North America
- Performance in Latin
   America
- Financial Services profitability

- Volumes in Western Europe
- Steel costs



## Full Year 2004 Industry Outlook

# Industry % Change

AG Majors World Wide	+	
- North America	+	
- Western Europe	+	
- Latin America	+	
- Rest Of World	+	
AG Tractors - North America	+	
- Under 40 HP	+	
- 40 - 100 HP	+	
- Over 100 HP	+	
CE Total Heavy and Light - World Wide	+	
- North America	+	
- Western Europe	+	
- Latin America	+	



# 2004 Outlook Update



- Continued price realization
- Volumes in North America
- Financial services performance improvements

Steel costs



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# Appendix



## Industrial Operating Margin

(\$ Mils, US GAAP)

CNH defines industrial gross margin as Equipment Operations net sales less cost of goods sold. CNH defines industrial operating margin as Equipment Operations gross margin less selling, general and administrative and research and development costs. The following table summarizes the computation of Equipment Operations industrial gross and operating margin for all periods presented:

	Q3 2003	Q3 2004	YTD 2003	YTD 2004
Net sales	\$2,355	\$2,789	\$7,386	\$8,714
Less:				
Cost of goods sold	2,013	2,393	6,261	7,353
Gross margin	342	396	1,125	1,361
Less:				
Selling, general and administrative	208	237	649	697
Research and development	62	65	198	197
Industrial operating margin	\$72	\$94	\$278	\$467
Industrial Operating Margin as a percentage of Net Sales	3.1%	3.4%	3.8%	5.4%

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## Q3 Equipment Operations Segment Analysis

(\$ Mils)

	Q3 2003	Q3 2004
Results of Operations by Segment **		
AG	\$ 15	\$ 19
CE	(24)	<u> </u>
Total	(9)	34
Exclude		
Other, Net	42	23
Goodwill and Other Intangibles	38	38
Other US GAAP Adjustments	1_	(1)_
Total Adjustments	81	60
US GAAP Industrial Operating Margin *	\$ 72	\$ 94
	%	of % of

		% of		% of
<b>US GAAP Industrial Operating Margin by Segment</b>		Net		Net
		Sales		Sales
AG	\$ 71	4.2%	\$ 47	2.5%
CE	1	0.1%	47	5.4%

See Appendix for Definition and GAAP Reconciliation

<sup>\*\* 2004</sup> Press Release, Financial Statements, Footnote 14 - Segment Information Under Fiat Principles.



## Year to Date Equipment Operations Segment Analysis

(\$ Mils)

(\$ me)	YTE	2003	YTE	YTD 2004		
Results of Operations by Segment **						
AG	\$	116	\$	207		
CE		(70)		23		
Total		46		230		
Exclude						
Other, Net		118		125		
Goodwill and Other Intangibles		114		114		
Other US GAAP Adjustments				(2)		
Total Adjustments		232		237		
US GAAP Industrial Operating Margin *	\$	278	\$	467		
		%	of		% of	
<b>US GAAP Industrial Operating Margin by Seg</b>	ament	N	et		Net	

			% <b>O</b> T		% OT
<b>US GAAP Industrial Operating Margin by Segi</b>	ment		Net		Net
			Sales		Sales
AG	\$	270	5.2% \$	350	5.7%
CE		8	0.4%	117	4.5%

<sup>\*</sup> See Appendix for Definition and GAAP Reconciliation

<sup>\*\*</sup> As per October 26, 2004 Press Release, Financial Statements, Footnote 14 - Segment Information Under Fiat Principles

# Equipment Operations Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) of Equipment Operations excluding (i) net interest expense, (ii) income tax provision (benefit) (iii) depreciation and amortization and (iv) restructuring. Net interest expense is defined as (i) interest expense (excluding interest compensation to financial services) less (ii) finance and interest income.

We believe that Adjusted EBITDA is a measure commonly used by financial analysts because of its usefulness in evaluating operating performance. Adjusted EBITDA does not represent cash flows from operations as defined by U.S. GAAP, is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund all cash flow needs and should not be considered an alternative to net income or net cash provided (used) by operating activities under U.S. GAAP for purposes of evaluating results of operations and cash flows.

Adjusted EBITDA is a "non-GAAP financial measure" as this term is defined under the Securities Act. As a result, the following slide reconciles net cash provided (used) by operating activities, the U.S. GAAP financial measure which we believe to be most directly comparable, to Adjusted EBITDA.

# Equipment Operations Adjusted EBITDA

	Q3 2003		Q3 200 <sup>2</sup>		Q3 2004		003 Q3 2004		Q3 2003 Q3 2004 YT		YTD	2003	YTE	2004
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities Net Interest Expense:	\$	66	\$	529	\$	(85)	\$	705						
Interest Expense		80		69		237		228						
Less: Finance and Interest Income		(20)		(19)		(61)		(55)						
Net Interest Expense		60		50		176		173						
Income Tax Provision (Benefit)		(26)		(15)		(34)		(16)						
Restructuring:														
Equipment Operations		28		14		59		71						
Financial Services		-		-		3		1						
Change in Other Operating Activities		(44)		(443)		213		(412)						
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	84	\$	135	\$	332	\$	522						

# Equipment Operations Working Capital

(\$ Mils, US GAAP)

Working capital is defined as accounts and notes receivable, excluding inter-segment notes receivable, plus inventories less accounts payable. We believe that working capital, as defined, is a useful analytical tool for measuring our consumption of cash from our purchases of materials from our suppliers to our ultimate collection of cash from our end customers. The calculation of working capital is shown below:

	•		tember 30 2003	ember 31, 2003	September 30 2004			
Accounts, Notes Receivable								
and Other Net	\$ 2,021	\$	2,333	\$ 2,347	\$	1,805		
Inventories	2,054		2,425	2,478		2,487		
Accounts Payable	(1,555)		(1,729)	(1,836)		(1,573)		
Working Capital	\$ 2,520	\$	3,029	\$ 2,989	\$	2,719		

# Net Income (Loss) Before Restructuring

(\$ Mils, US GAAP)

CNH defines net income (loss) before restructuring as U.S. GAAP net income (loss), less restructuring charges, net of tax.

We believe that net income (loss) before restructuring is a useful figure for measuring the performance of our operations.

Net income (loss) before restructuring is a "non-GAAP financial measure" as this term is defined under the securities act. As a result, the following table reconciles U.S. GAAP net income (loss) to net income (loss) before restructuring for all periods presented:

	Q3	2003	Q3	2004	YTE	2003	YT	/TD 2004	
Net income (loss)	\$	(36)	\$	25	\$	(46)	\$	99	
Restructuring, net of tax:									
Restructuring		28		14		62		72	
Tax at 25%, 36%, 24% and 36%									
respectively		(7)		(5)		(15)		(26)	
Restructuring, net of tax		21		9		47		46	
Net Income (loss) before restructuring	\$	(15)	\$	34	\$	1	\$	145	
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# Equipment Operations Change in Net Debt

We believe that the change in net debt of Equipment Operations, as defined elsewhere in this presentation, is a useful analytical tool for measuring changes in our effective borrowing requirements, excluding our inter-segment notes receivable from Financial Services and the effect of certain of our cash management practices.

The change in net debt should not be considered an alternative to the statement of cash flows prepared under U.S. GAAP for purposes of evaluating sources and uses of cash and cash equivalents.

Change in net debt is a "non-GAAP financial measure" as this term is defined under the securities act. As a result, the following slide reconciles the increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents, the U.S. GAAP financial measure which we believe to be most comparable, to (increase) decrease in net debt.

# Equipment Operations Change in Net Debt

(\$ Mils, US GAAP)	YTI	D 2003	YTE	2004
Increase (Decrease) In Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	724	\$	27
Intersegment Financing Activities		220		137
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents Excluding Intersegment Financing Activities		944		164
Net (Increase) Decrease in Indebtedness		(1,195)		401
Debt-for-Equity Exchange		2,000		-
Other - Primarily Effect of Foreign Exchange Rate Changes on Indebtedness and Intersegment Notes Receivable		(128)		(3)
(Increase) Decrease in Net Debt	\$	1,621	\$	562



# Credit Lines & Facilities

(\$ Mils, US GAAP)

The following table summarizes CNH Credit lines and debt position at December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004:

	December 31, 2003						<b>September 30, 2004</b>							
		mount onsolid.	_	Drawn onsolid.	Dra	awn Eq. Op.	railable onsolid.	amount onsolid.		Drawn onsolid.	Dr	rawn Eq. Op.		railable Insolid.
Committed lines - backup Other committed lines Uncommitted lines Asset Backed C.P. Facilities	\$	2,225 2,651 1,112 1,931	\$	- 2,180 1,002 230	\$	- 613 871 147	\$ 2,225 471 110 1,701	\$ 2,175 2,839 819 1,975	\$	- 2,271 729 665	\$	- 574 652 -	\$	2,175 568 90 1,310
Total credit lines *	\$	7,919	\$	3,412	\$	1,631	\$ 4,507	\$ 7,808	\$	3,665	\$	1,226	\$	4,143
Bonds Term loans with Fiat Other short term debt Other long term debt Intersegment debt				1,673 1,676 26 209		1,549 1,326 - 209 -				2,123 1,205 60 183		1,998 886 14 184 19		
Total notes, bonds, other debt			\$	3,584	\$	3,084			\$	3,571	\$	3,101		
Total Debt			\$	6,996	\$	4,715			\$	7,236	\$	4,327		
* Includes facilities with Fiat / guaranteed by FIAT	\$	4,645	\$	1,970	\$	457	\$ 2,675	\$ 4,708	\$	2,032	\$	443	\$	2,675



## **Equipment Operations Net Debt**

(\$ Mils, US GAAP)

Net debt of Equipment Operations is defined as total debt of Equipment Operations less cash and cash equivalents and inter-segment notes receivables. We believe that net debt, as defined, is a useful analytical tool for measuring our effective borrowing requirements, excluding our inter-segment Notes Receivable from Financial Services and the effect of certain of our cash management practices. The calculation of net debt is shown below:

	<b>December 31, 2003</b>							Sept	em	ber 30,	30, 2004							
	Cr	ed.lines		Other		Total	Cr	ed.lines	(	Other		Total						
Short Term Debt																		
With Fiat Affiliates	\$	403	\$	-	\$	403	\$	384	\$	68	\$	452						
Other		1,119		-		1,119		770		14		784						
Intersegment		-		-		-		-		19		19						
Total		1,522		-		1,522		1,154		101		1,255						
Long Term Debt*																		
With Fiat Affiliates		55		1,325		1,380		59		818		877						
Other		54		1,759		1,813		13		2,182		2,195						
Intersegment		-		-		-		-		-		-						
Total		109		3,084		3,193		72		3,000		3,072						
Total debt	\$	1,631	\$	3,084	\$	4,715	\$	1,226	\$	3,101	\$	4,327						
less:																		
Cash and Cash Equivalents																		
With Fiat Affiliates						1,315						1,492						
Other						486						336						
Intersegment Notes Receivable						1,012						1,159						
Net Debt						\$1,902						\$1,340						
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<sup>\*</sup> Including Current Maturities of Long Term Debt

# Equipment Operations Long-Term Debt\*

(\$ Mils, US GAAP)

The following table summarizes CNH's Equipment Operations long-term debt maturities at December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004:

Public Notes	Decem	ber 31, 2003	Septem	<b>September 30, 2004</b>				
Payable in 2005	\$	244	\$	218				
Payable in 2009		-		474				
Payable in 2011		1,051		1,052				
Payable in 2016		254		254				
Total Public notes		1,549		1,998				
Notes with Fiat Affiliates								
Payable in 2005		300		-				
Payable in 2006 - Usd note		700		700				
Payable in 2006 - Euro note		101		99				
Other		224		19				
<b>Total Notes with Fiat Affiliates</b>		1,325		818				
Long Term Uses of Credit Lines		109		72				
Other Long Term Debt		210		184				
Total	\$	3,193	\$	3,072				

<sup>\*</sup>Including Current Maturities of Long Term Debt

