

## Brazil Made 2.45 Million Vehicles in 2005, a Record

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The information on the Brazilian automobile production in 2005, released today by the National Association of Vehicle Manufacturers (Anfavea), confirmed the forecasts made by the entity in December.

In all there were 2.45 million vehicles manufactured last year, 10.7% more than in 2004 and a record in the sector's history. The registration of new vehicles in the internal market reached 1.71 million units, an increase in 8.6% in relation to 2004.

Exports in turn yielded US\$ 11.2 billion, value 33.5% greater than that registered in 2004 and also a record for the sector. The total includes the shipment of vehicles, automatic agricultural machinery (tractors and harvesters), motors and components, where the vehicles segment responded for 81.9% and that of agricultural machineries for 18.1%.

The production of agricultural machinery, however, decreased in 23.8% in comparison to 2004 and stayed in 69,400 units. Internal sales of these products also dropped, some 23,200 units were traded, 38.5% less than in 2004.

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