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Nonfat Dry Milk - Western U.S.

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In the west region, low/medium heat nonfat dry milk (NDM) free on board spot prices are slightly higher on a firmer market. In the same fashion, NDM future values inched slightly up with a significant volume of contracts for the rest of Q4. Knowing this, several NDM customers wish to close Q1 contracts very soon as a precautionary measure for any possible increase in prices during the rest of Q4. NDM requests from cheese makers and the bakery sector are active ahead of the year-end holiday needs. Meanwhile, the Mexican demand for western NDM/SMP is robust with active exports and relatively competitive prices, which are reflected on the top of the pricing range. Unlike Mexican buyers, domestic NDM customers are not willing to pay prices close to the top of the range, at least for now. Back to the U.S., low/medium NDM production is ongoing prompted by higher regional farm milk output. In general, low/medium heat NDM supplies are readily available to satisfy spot and contractual needs. Meanwhile, f.o.b. spot prices for high heat NDM are unchanged on light trading. Production is mostly driven by contractual obligations while stocks are mixed throughout the west.

Prices for: Western U.S., All First Sales, F.O.B., Extra Grade & Grade A, Conventional, and Edible Nonfat Dry Milk

Price Range - Low & Medium Heat; \$/LB: .8300 - .9450

Mostly Range - Low & Medium Heat; \$/LB: .8700 - .9200

Prices for: Western U.S., All First Sales, F.O.B., Extra Grade & Grade A, Conventional, and Edible Nonfat Dry Milk

Price Range - High Heat; \$/LB: 1.0000 - 1.0800

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