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Lactose - Central and Western U.S.

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Lactose prices are unchanged over the price range, but widened on the mostly price series. Domestic spot sale prices are dispersed across the full range. The market tone for lactose is unsettled. Concerns about African swine fever and trade issues with China have shaken lactose demand and prices. Inventories are growing for many manufacturers and production is increasing. However, some manufacturers also report solid demand from confectionery, standardization and infant formula customers. A few processors also note getting inquiries from European buyers. Some industry contacts say lactose stocks in Europe are tight, and this may provide a salve to some of the pain borne by the U.S. lactose market.
Prices for: Central and Western U.S., Spot Sales And Up to 3 Month Contracts, F.O.B., Conventional, and Edible Lactose

Price Range - Non Pharmaceutical; $/LB:	.1950 - .4800
Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; $/LB:	.2500 - .4200

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