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Lactose - Central and Western U.S.

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Lactose prices are unchanged this week. Buyers and sellers seem mostly content to keep prices within the \$.40s. The spread between the top and the bottom of the price range reflects some of the difference between buyers that have coverage and those that do not, or suppliers that are committed and those that are not. Inventories are in good balance with requests for lactose, and production is steady. Manufacturers suggest demand is present, especially for use in standardization. Some manufacturers report being well on their way to having Q3 production committed through quarterly contracts. While end users are interested in assuring coverage for their lactose needs and avoiding potential shipping delays, a few others are hesitant to lock into contracts for fear of how freight rates could affect profitability. Shipping congestion and increasing freight rates are still major concerns.

DAIRY MARKET NEWS MONTHLY AVERAGES

The May 2021 Dairy Market News average of the mostly price series for Central and West lactose was \$0.4500, compared to \$0.4495 in April, and \$.4018 one year ago.

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: .3800 - .5500

Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; \$/LB: .4100 - .4900

Information for the period May 31 - June 4, 2021, issued weekly

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GLOBAL DAIRY TRADE (GDT) EVENT

At the GDT Event 285 on June 1, the lactose price for the August contract period was \$0.5606 per pound, down 1.6 percent from the last GDT event.

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