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Dry Whey - Central U.S.

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Dry whey prices moved higher on the range, but held steady on the mostly series. Prices in the low $.40s from last week were nonexistent, but trading was a little quieter in general. Additionally, some brand specific needs were met moving the higher prices up, but most transactions are falling at/around $.50 this week. Whey production has been pretty steady/busy, but milk is beginning its seasonal exodus from the cheese plant and into the school bottling pipeline. Cheesemakers have begun reporting utilizing more nonfat dry milk to fortify, and although cheese demand is strong in the region, production could ebb somewhat with lighter raw milk availability. Current dry whey availability is noted as steady to growing. Some producers have begun to accept bids a little lower than they would have just two to three weeks ago. Animal feed whey trading remains slow, as prices were unmoved. There are still feed alternatives, such as deproteinized whey, permeates and off-spec lactose moving in the $.30s. Dry whey market tones are uncertain.

Prices for: Central U.S., All First Sales, F.O.B., Conventional, and Non-Edible Dry Whey

Price Range - Animal Feed; $/LB:	.4000 - .4400

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

Price Range - Non-Hygroscopic; $/LB:	.4500 - .5700
Mostly Range - Non-Hygroscopic; $/LB:	.4875 - .5200

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