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Lactose - Central and Western U.S.

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Lactose prices are unchanged this week. Some contacts report an occasional spot sale, but overall, spot market activity is quiet. Manufacturers are starting to work on Q4 agreements, with mixed results. In some cases, buyers are willing to get commitments locked up. But in other cases, shoppers want to take a wait and see approach. Industry contacts are concerned with potential market disruptions caused by increasing COVID cases and lockdowns in important export markets. New Zealand and parts of Southeast Asia have renewed lockdown restrictions due to prevalence of Delta variant COVID cases. U.S. producers say lactose inventories are in good balance with sales. However, challenges persist in getting the shipping equipment needed to move lactose out of the warehouse. Any small disruption in one part of the chain creates delays all the way down the channel. Lactose production is steady.

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:	.3600 - .5600
Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; \$/LB:	.4100 - .5000

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At the GDT Event 290, on August 17, the lactose price for the October contract period was \$0.4976 per pound, unchanged from the last GDT event.

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