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Lactose - Central and Western U.S.

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The bottom of the lactose price range moved lower due to some quick ship loads brought to the market. Other lactose prices are steady. Industry contacts report processing disruptions and freight challenges have prompted a few manufacturers to offer quick ship sales for lactose. Spot market demand is a bit lackluster otherwise. Contacts say it has been hard to get much interest from buyers, aside from 200 mesh or lactose that fulfills added testing requirements for end user needs. Q4 contract negotiations are starting. So far, manufacturers share mixed reports, but Q4 contract prices are generally off a few cents from Q3 contract prices. Lactose inventories are growing. A few manufacturers are requesting buyers move their lactose out of the warehouse in order to make more room for new production. Lactose production is stable.

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: .3400 - .5600

Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; \$/LB: .4000 - .5000

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