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Nonfat Dry Milk - Western U.S.

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Low/medium heat nonfat dry milk (NDM) prices, in the West, trended higher across both the range and the mostly price series. Contacts report that higher demand for skim milk powder (SMP) and strengthening prices for SMP, particularly in Asian markets, have assisted in pushing NDM prices higher. On the CME, market prices have settled in the mid-1.30s through the start of this shortened holiday week. Dairy protein markets have begun to firm up, leaving producers confident with current NDM pricing. Demand for low/medium heat NDM has held steady in both domestic and international markets. Contacts report notable purchasing of loads for export to Mexico. Inventories of low/medium heat are tight, some spot purchasers are, reportedly, having difficulty obtaining loads. Drying operations are running busy schedules, as milk continues to be available for production. The price range for high heat NDM shifted higher this week. Demand is steady, while inventories of high heat have remained tight. Production is limited, as plant managers continue to favor the production of low/medium heat.

The August 2021 Dairy Market News monthly average for the West low/medium heat nonfat dry milk mostly series is \$1.2523 compared to \$0.9799 a year ago. The average for Western high heat nonfat dry milk is \$1.3991 compared to \$1.1096 a year ago.

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

Price Range - Low & Medium Heat; \$/LB:	1.2775 - 1.3875
Mostly Range - Low & Medium Heat; \$/LB:	1.3000 - 1.3400

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Price Range - High Heat; \$/LB:	1.4150 - 1.5325
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CME GROUP MONTHLY AVERAGES

The CME Group monthly average price for Grade A nonfat dry milk during August was \$1.2673, compared to \$1.2485 a month ago, and \$0.9830 a year ago.

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