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Lactose - Central and Western U.S.

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Prices for lactose are unchanged this week. Spot demand for lactose and dairy carbohydrates, in general, are lighter. However, contracted obligations and shipping constraints are keeping pressure on manufacturers. Freight delays, vessel space and container availability are all global challenges, and processors are moving shipments whenever they can. In addition to higher ocean rates, inland trucking rates are also rising. Some lactose manufacturers are getting Q4 contracts in place. While contracted demand is present, higher freight costs are taking a bite out of premiums. Inventories are heavy. A good part of stockpiles is lactose that is waiting to ship. Lactose production is steady. The lactose market tone is uncertain.

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 - .4800

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