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Dry Whey - Central U.S.

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Dry whey prices continue to hold somewhat firm in the low-\$.60s for a majority of spot trading, while the range is holding onto some higher prices based on brand preference. Still, there were some downticks on the top of the range and mostly series. Production has steadied in recent months, but it remains well behind levels previous to the sea change COVID-19 spurred in early 2020. Seasonally, milk is increasing at the farm level, but Class III production is facing the workforce challenges that much of the industry is. Plant managers have become seasoned in maneuvering through these choppy waters, as this will be the third consecutive flush season in which they have dealt with circumstances outside of their control limiting employment rosters. Whey offers have increased with the incremental increases in production recently. Animal feed whey trading was steady week to week, as prices dropped on the bottom of the range. Whey market tones lack certainty moving into May. Prices for: Central U.S., All First Sales, F.O.B., Conventional, and Non-Edible Dry Whey
Price Range - Animal Feed; \$/LB: .5200 - .5600

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: .6000 - .7675
Mostly Range - Non-Hygroscopic; \$/LB: .6200 - .6500

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