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Lactose - Central and Western U.S.

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Lactose prices are unchanged this week. Manufacturers are beginning to float out their Q1 offers. The market tone associated with these offers is a bit of a mixed bag so far. While demand for 200 mesh and infant formula lactose is strong, manufacturers are carefully considering how to position lactose pricing for the upcoming year. In a few cases, processors are easing back their prices slightly, but others are holding firm. Some international traders note a bearish feel to the carbohydrate market, saying it is very difficult to move some varieties of lactose into international markets at price points over 40 cents. Lactose seems to be moving well through current contracts, and inventories are slowly edging lower. For the last year, lactose inventories have been at heightened levels. Industry contacts suggest shipping issues have contributed a backup of lactose moving from the manufacturer to the end user. Market participants are hopeful that the current railroad worker negotiations can come to a successful conclusion and will avert a potential work stoppage. Lactose production is relatively 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:	.3500 - .6000
Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; \$/LB:	.4500 - .5200

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