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Lactose prices eased at the lower end, but strengthened at the upper end of the price range, while the mostly range held steady. Demand remains strong, keeping prices above year-ago levels. Some manufacturers report limited spot loads and small amounts of remaining June inventory. Other contacts are sold out, but note they could move product in the low \$0.60s to low \$0.70s if inventory were available. Q3 negotiations continue, with prices spanning \$0.57 to \$0.70. European lactose prices are also climbing, with contacts reporting loads trading at prices starting in the \$0.70s. Overall, domestic production constraints and tight inventories are supporting a firm market tone.

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:	.4500 - .7000
Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; \$/LB:	.5500 - .6300

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