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Dry whey prices increased at the top of the range in the Central region this week. The bottom of the price range and both ends of the mostly price series are unchanged. Domestic demand for dry whey is steady, though some contacts say export interest is picking up, as domestic dry whey prices are favorably priced compared to loads produced in Europe. Some market participants are only interested in specific brands or loads meeting stringent end user requirements, and spot loads for these products are tight. Meanwhile, loads not meeting these requirements are readily available. Dry whey production is increasing week-to-week in the region but remains limited overall, as plant managers are focused on higher whey protein concentrates. Prices for animal feed whey are unchanged, as the market remains quiet overall. Demand is light, inventories are tight, and production is very light.

Prices for: Central U.S., All First Sales, F.O.B., , Conventional, and Non-Edible Dry Whey

Price Range - Animal Feed; \$/LB: .3500 - .3800

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 - .7200

Mostly Range - Non-Hygroscopic; \$/LB: .6100 - .6800

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