



## Lactose - Central and West U.S.

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Lactose moved higher across the price range this week while the mostly range held steady. Production remains tight, with some manufacturers potentially sold out through Q3. Contacts report available spot loads trading in the low \$0.60s to low \$0.70s, though much of the lactose currently moving is under contracted pricing in the low \$0.50s to low \$0.60s. Demand has softened in Southeast Asia and remains steady but modest in China, contrasting with strong interest from South America. In Mexico, competition from maltodextrin and increased use of liquid permeate continue to pressure lactose demand. Offers above \$0.70 for next quarter continue to appear, though some buyers are resisting those levels. Overall, the market tone is firm.

### 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:	.5000 - .7300
Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; \$/LB:	.5500 - .6300

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