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The bottom of the lactose price range moved higher, while the top of the range and both ends of the mostly price series were held steady. Contacts report strong demand from purchasers in domestic markets. Export demand for lactose has picked up during Q2, but contacts note they are offering loads at prices near the bottom of the range to remain competitive with loads produced in international markets. Lactose inventories are available for spot purchasing, but some tightness persists. Some manufacturers note they have limited spot availability through the remainder of Q2, and some spot purchasers say lactose which meets rigorous specifications are more difficult to obtain. Production of lactose is 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:

.2200 - .4100

Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; \$/LB:

.2850 - .3700

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