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Lactose prices held steady across the price range this week. The top of the mostly price series was unchanged, but the bottom shifted higher. Steady demand for lactose is present from domestic purchasers, and interest is strong from international stakeholders. Contacts say export loads of lactose are priced near the bottom of the range and mostly price series to remain competitive with loads produced internationally but note they have been receiving higher prices for export loads in recent weeks. Spot loads of lactose are available, though contacts report loads which meet rigorous end user specifications or are produced by some preferred brands are difficult to obtain. Lactose production 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:	.2150 - .4100
Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; \$/LB:	.2850 - .3700

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