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Both ends of the Central region dry whey price range moved higher this week. Meanwhile, the top of the mostly price series moved upwards, and the bottom held steady. Contacts report dry whey inventories are somewhat tight, and some processors have no spot loads available in the near-term. Spot market activity is somewhat varied as brand preferred loads are moving steadily and trading consistently at or near $.50/lb, while interchangeable volumes are in lighter demand but trading in the low-to-mid $.40s. Contacts report domestic prices remain high compared to internationally produced loads of dry whey, contributing to lighter export demand for dry whey. Despite this, markets remain bullish and dry whey prices have climbed to $.54 on the CME on Wednesday, the highest price they have reached since June of 2022. Plant managers report drying schedules remained focused on the high-protein blends. They further state seasonal declines in milk output are impacting whey streams and contributing to limited dry whey production. Animal feed whey prices held steady across the range this week.

Prices for: Central U.S., All First Sales, F.O.B., , Conventional, and Non-Edible Dry Whey	
Price Range - Animal Feed; $/LB:	.3200 - .3600

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:	.4100 - .5400
Mostly Range - Non-Hygroscopic; $/LB:	.4300 - .5000

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