In the Central region, dry whey prices moved higher across the range and mostly price series this week. Contacts report spot inventories are tight, and some purchasers note they are having difficulty finding loads to meet their current needs. Dry whey demand has picked up in recent weeks; contacts report demand has been strong for brand preferred loads of dry whey during the summer months, but more interchangeable loads of dry whey have seen a notable increase in demand recently. Prices for dry whey have increased on the CME by 8 cents, since last Wednesday pushing up to 62 cents, as of reporting. Seasonally declining milk output is impacting whey streams, and plant managers say they continue to focus production on higher whey protein concentrates and permeate. These factors have both contributed to lighter dry whey production in recent weeks. Prices for animal feed whey were unchanged this week.

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