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The bottom of the lactose price range moved higher this week, while the top of the range and both ends of the mostly price series were unchanged. Contacts report steady demand for lactose in domestic markets. Export demand for lactose has strengthened in recent weeks, though stakeholders say loads moving internationally remain priced near the bottom of the range. Spot inventories of lactose produced by some preferred brands or loads which meet rigorous end user specifications are tight, but purchasers say lactose which is more interchangeable is available. Plant managers say increasing seasonal milk output is contributing to increased lactose production. Some contacts say current demand and tight inventories for lactose have caused them to ramp up lactose production schedules.

### 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:	.2800 - .3700

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