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Lactose prices moved higher at the bottom of the price range, while the top of the range and both ends of the mostly price series were unchanged. Demand for lactose is steady from both domestic and international purchasers. Contacts report strong demand for Q2 contracts. Some manufacturers are, reportedly, securing Q2 contracts for lactose currently while others are waiting a few more weeks. Inventories of lactose vary as some manufacturers say a large portion or all of their inventory through the remainder of the quarter is committed to contractual obligations, while others say they continue to have inventories available. Plant managers in the region report running steady 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:	.1375 - .3975
Mostly Range - Non Pharmaceutical; \$/LB:	.2400 - .3400

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