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Prices for whey protein concentrate 34% (WPC 34%) moved higher across the range and at the bottom of the mostly price series this week. The top of the mostly price series for WPC 34% held steady. Spot market interest in WPC34% remains strong. Loads of WPC 34% are said to be a good value compared to alternative dairy protein sources and contacts note this has contributed to notably good demand from animal feed producers. Contacts report WPC34% markets are receiving upwards price pressure from whey protein concentrate 80% (WPC 80%) and whey protein isolate (WPI). Demand for these commodities is said to be robust, and inventories are very tight, contributing to a push from some manufacturers to increase their production. This has contributed to limited drying time for WPC34%. Stakeholders say inventories of WPC34% are smaller than they were over the summer. Spot loads of some preferred brands are more difficult to find, but overall, contacts report being able to obtain loads of WPC 34% to meet their current needs.

Prices for: Central and Western U.S., All First Sales, F.O.B., Extra Grade, Conventional, and Edible Whey Protein Concentrate

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| Price Range - 34% Protein; \$/LB: | .8000 - 1.0350 |
| Mostly Range - 34% Protein; \$/LB: | .8500 - .9400 |

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