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Whey Protein Concentrate (WPC) 34% prices moved higher at the top of the range and held steady throughout the rest of the series, reflecting a tight market with limited production and low inventories. Demand remains steady, with some contacts anticipating potential price declines tied to recent nonfat dry milk weakness. Conversely, other contacts reported significantly higher prices for rush loads (levels not reflected in this week's price range) and expect prices to advance further into the second half of the year. Q3 and Q4 contract negotiations continue, often settling three to five cents above the average of the mostly price. Overall, the market tone is firm.

WPC 80% prices are reported in the upper \$12s to \$13. Contacts note no new sales this week due to a lack of available product, despite strong interest and frequent inquiries.

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

Price Range - 34% Protein; \$/LB:	1.6300 - 2.0500
Mostly Range - 34% Protein; \$/LB:	1.8000 - 1.9000

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