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Whey Protein Concentrate (WPC) 34% prices held steady across the price series and remain above year-ago levels. Production is limited as several plants undergo maintenance or near the end of WPC 34% output before shifting toward WPC 80%. Inventories are extremely tight and largely committed through the end of the year, leaving little to no spot availability. Demand remains strong, with buyers willing to secure any product they can find. As Q2 agreements conclude and Q3 contracts begin, prices may adjust. Ongoing supply constraints coupled with firm demand continue to support a strong overall market tone.

WPC 80% and whey protein isolate (WPI) prices were steady this week, with regular WPC 80% in the low- to high-$12s, instant in the mid-$12s to mid-$13s, and WPI in the low-$13s to mid-$14s. Demand continues to exceed production, though some buyers are pushing back on higher prices. WPC 80% inventories remain tight, while WPI is slightly easier to source. With the price gap between the two holding within about $2, contacts anticipate potential production shifts away from WPI if this narrow spread continues.

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:	1.8500 - 1.9500

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