Whey Protein Concentrate - Central and West U.S.

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Whey protein concentrate 34% (WPC) 34% prices are unchanged across the range this week. The bottom of the mostly price series is holding steady, but prices increased at the top. Spot inventories are tight and contacts say it is difficult to find loads to meet their immediate needs. Production is limited as several producers moved from WPC 34% production towards higher proteins, and a few contacts anticipate output to decline more in the coming months. Demand for WPC 34% is unchanged and the market remains firm.

Prices for WPC 80% are unchanged and remain in the $12.50 to $13.00 range, while WPC 80% instant prices are in the upper-$12s to mid-$13s. Demand for WPC 80% is strong overall and inventories are tight, but some contacts say interest has softened somewhat in recent weeks. Spot purchasers also report that it is easier to find loads of WPC 80%, compared to recent months. Prices for whey protein isolate (WPI) range from the mid-$13s to mid-$14s. Demand is strong for WPI, and contacts say more loads are trading in the $14s as inventories have tightened in recent weeks.

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 - 2.1800
Mostly Range - 34% Protein; $/LB:	1.8500 - 2.0000

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