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Whey protein concentrate (WPC) 34% prices moved higher at every facet this week. Processors say the protein component value in WPC 34% compared to low/medium heat nonfat dry milk (NDM) has begun to entice customers, particularly as NDM prices have begun to reach the \$1.30/lb mark in all regions. A number of processors have recently suggested they are eschewing the drying process of WPC 34% solids, as certain end users can utilize liquid WPC 34%. This is also beneficial as a cost cutting measure, particularly when markets were more actively trading at or around the \$1/lb mark. WPC 80% and whey protein isolate markets are also helping to curb the amount of WPC 34% being produced, as those markets have been and continue to be notably firm.

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:	.9500 - 1.1700
Mostly Range - 34% Protein; \$/LB:	.9800 - 1.0500

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