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Whey protein concentrate 34% (WPC 34%) prices were unchanged at the top of the price range and mostly price series this week. The bottoms of the WPC 34% price range and the mostly price series moved higher. Contacts report strong demand for WPC 34% as contacts say it remains a good value compared to other dairy proteins. This is, reportedly, contributing to persistent interest from animal feed end users. Inventories of WPC 34% are somewhat tight, and some manufacturers note having limited availability for spot purchasers. Production of WPC 34% is limited as stakeholders say continued bullishness for whey protein concentrate 80% and whey protein isolate has contributed to manufacturers focusing more of their production time on these commodities.

The DMN monthly average of the mostly price series for U.S. Extra Grade, Conventional, and Edible Central and West whey protein concentrate 34% during January was \$0.9705, compared to \$0.9420 a month earlier.

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:	.9300 - 1.1500
Mostly Range - 34% Protein; \$/LB:	.9500 - 1.0300

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