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Prices for whey protein concentrate 34% (WPC 34%) pushed higher across the range and mostly price series this week. Demand for WPC 34% is strong, though some contacts note slightly softer sales as the end of year holidays grow near. Stakeholders say animal feed end users are steadily purchasing loads of WPC 34% as they remain priced competitively to alternative dairy proteins. Production of WPC 34% is limited, as manufacturers are focusing their schedules on whey protein concentrate 80% and whey protein isolate. Contacts report bullish markets for those commodities have contributed to their increased production and lighter WPC 34% output. Spot inventories of WPC 34% are mixed. Contacts note loads which are interchangeable are available but loads from preferred brands are tight or in some cases sold out through the end of the year.

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:	.8800 - 1.1200
Mostly Range - 34% Protein; $/LB:	.9100 - .9900

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