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The bottoms of the whey protein concentrate 34% (WPC 34) price range and mostly price series held steady this week, while the tops of each slid lower. Contacts say demand for WPC 34% remains soft overall, though they note stronger interest from infant formula end users. Loads of WPC 34% produced domestically are priced higher than loads produced internationally, and stakeholders report this has contributed to light demand from export purchasers. Production of WPC 34% is limited, as manufacturers are prioritizing the production of higher whey protein concentrates and whey protein isolate. Spot purchasers say this has kept inventories of WPC 34% from growing, despite soft demand in recent months, and some manufacturers continue to report limited spot availability through the remainder of the quarter.

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 - 1.1600
Mostly Range - 34% Protein; \$/LB:	.9400 - 1.0300

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