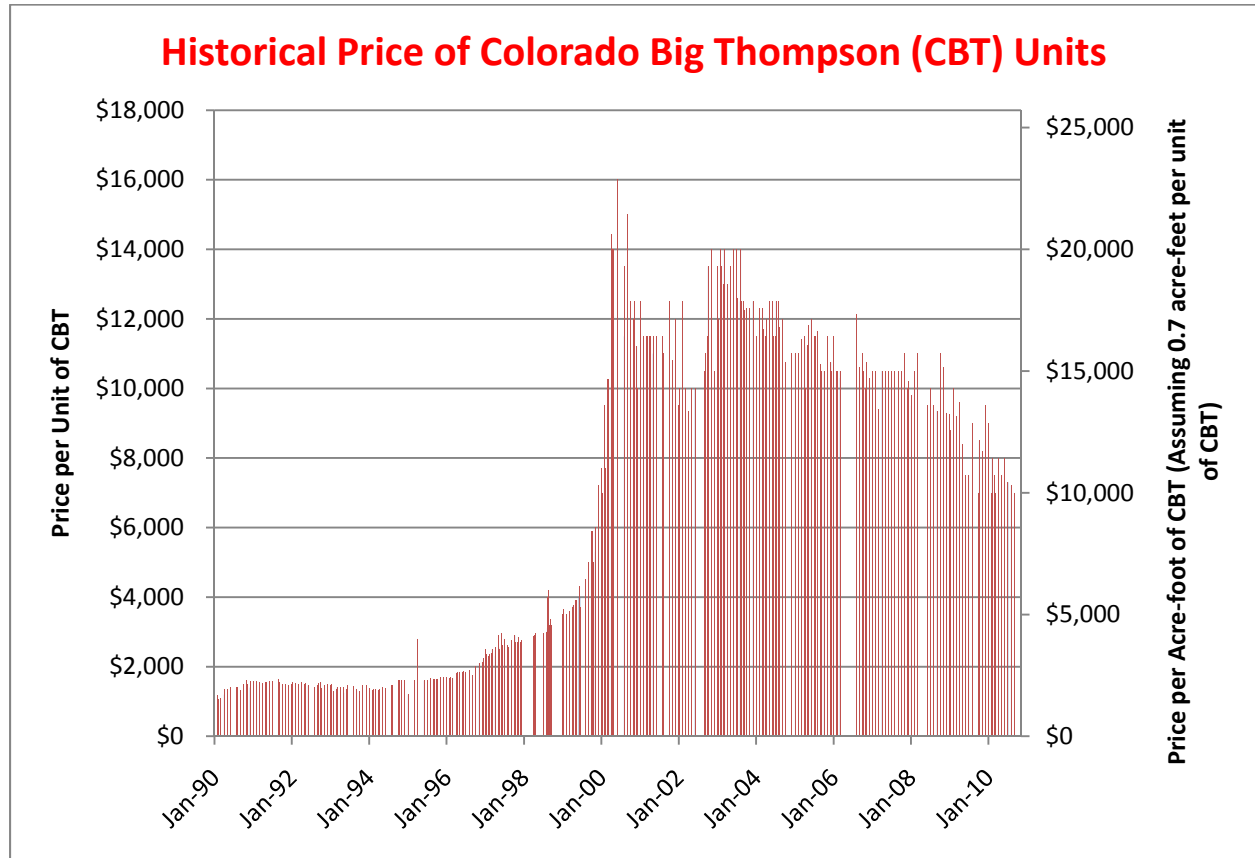


## Colorado Big Thompson Water Rights Price Trends



The Colorado Big Thompson (CBT) Project water (units) is purchased and sold by irrigators and municipalities on a regular basis. The CBT transactions provide a basis for establishing prices for many water right transactions. This figure shows the historical price per unit of CBT and the corresponding price per acre-foot of CBT assuming a 0.7 acre-foot/unit quota set by the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD) Board of Directors. This quota value changes periodically. The figure does not include CBT units which were transferred for taps, administrative purposes, or transactions other than sales. The price per unit of CBT increased significantly in value in the late 1990s and early 2000s, but sales have been trending lower in recent years. (Note: \$14,000 per unit is approximately \$20,000 per acre-foot.)

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