

Definitions for Salinity EQIP/Parallel Ranking 2006

The priorities set by the local workgroups separate out projects that have organized into groups, with additional consideration for those with non-USDA financial partners.

Group planning achieves the following:

1. The cost of the project is reduced by elimination of duplicate practices and by sharing of practices between landowners.
2. It is more efficient use of the NRCS planners' time which reduces the program related cost to the NRCS.
3. It uses a watershed approach that is based on sound ecological principles which achieves more efficient and cost effective salt load reduction.

Section F:

An applicant is **high** priority if they:

- Are part of an organized group with delivery in place.

Or

- Are completing a new system with previously installed infrastructure.

An applicant is **medium** priority if they:

- Are an individual with no delivery in place and have written canal company approval.

Or

- Are part of a group with no delivery in place and at least 70% of the land base participation.

An applicant is **low** priority if they:

- Are rehabilitating a previously cost-shared system.
- Any situation other than listed above.