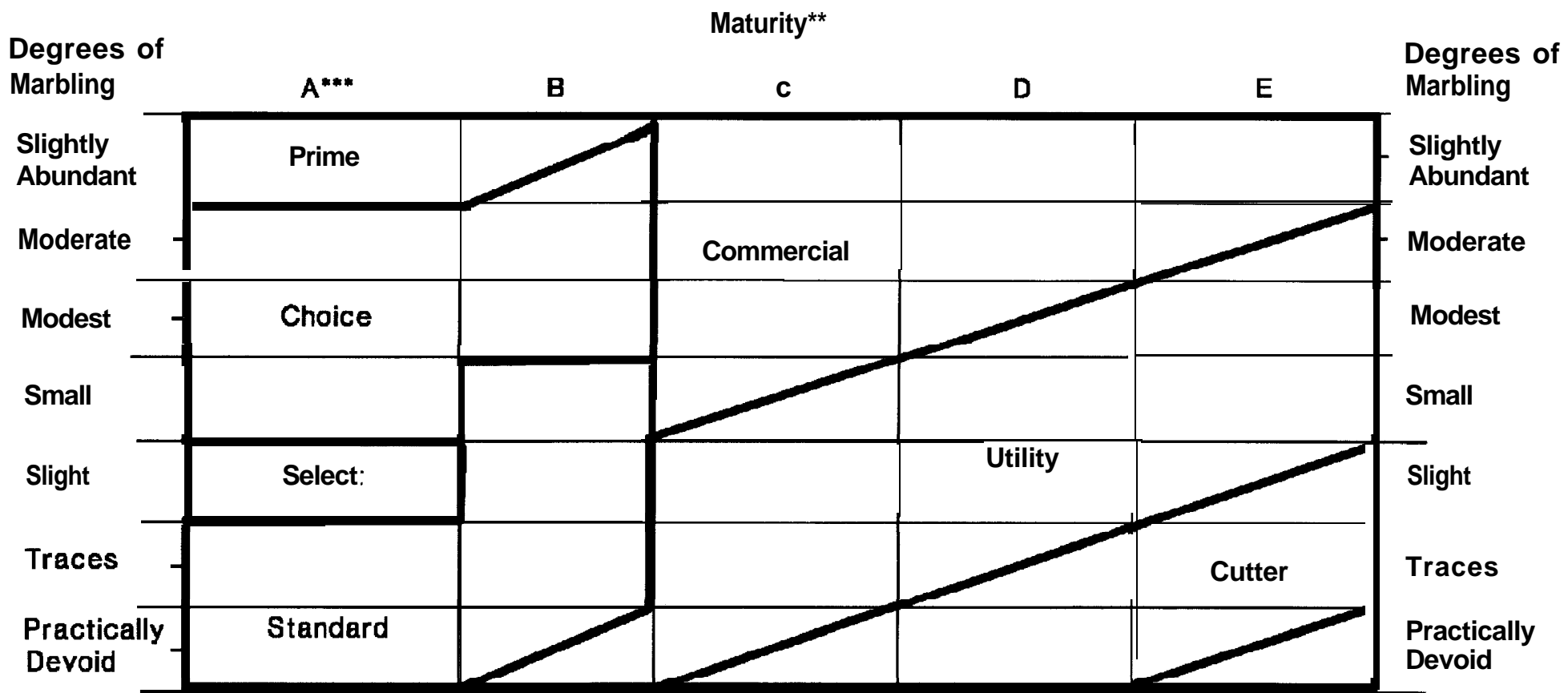


Relationship Between Marbling, Maturity, and Carcass Quality Grade*



* Assumes that firmness of lean is comparably developed with the degree of marbling and that the carcass is not a 'dark cutter.'

** Maturity increases from left to right (A through E).

*** The A maturity portion of the Figure is the only portion applicable to bullock carcasses.