

# BELARUS

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 50

Belarus was the *worst* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017, given its high level of animal production, high consumption of animal products and its absence of virtually any animal protection laws.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 50

Belarus slaughters around 35.7 land animals per person / year, which is almost four times the global average of 9.7. The country has a relatively high dependency on farmed animal production, with 5.6 animals per person (compared with a global average of 4). Around 85.5% of the Belarusian animal population is made up of broiler chickens, the majority of which are likely to be factory farmed.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 43

The share of land-based animal protein in the Belarusian diet is unusually high, at around 56.4% (compared with a global average of 35.2%). This equates to each person consuming around 50.3g of land-based animal protein per day, compared with a global average of around 26.7g.

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 50

Belarus was given a “G” under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was the worst performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. This is due to the absence of virtually any animal protection laws in the country. Learn more about the quality of Belarus’ legislative protections on the API here [<http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/belarus>].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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