

BRAZIL

VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

Overall Rank 43

Brazil was a *very poor* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017, due largely to its high production and consumption of animal products.

Producing Cruelty

Rank 43

Brazil is a high-volume animal producer, slaughtering around 28.4 land-based animals per person / year (compared to a global average of 9.7). The country's dependency on farmed animals is relatively high, with around 8 farmed animals per person (double the global average of around 4). Factory farming is widespread in poultry and pig production. Around 82.6% of the animals farmed in Brazil are broiler chickens.

Consuming Cruelty

Rank 47

The Brazilian diet contains an extremely high proportion of animal products, with 54% of the average Brazilian diet being made up of land-based animal protein (compared with a global average of 35.2%). This equates to each Brazilian consuming around 49.7g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). According to the Brazilian Institute of Public Opinion and Statistics [<https://www.vista-se.com.br/ibope-2012-152-milhoes-de-brasileiros-sao-vegetarianos/>], 7% of the Brazilian population identified as vegetarian as at 2012.

Sanctioning Cruelty

Rank 16

Brazil was given a "C" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also an average performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. While Brazil has adequate animal protection laws, the application and enforcement of those laws are limited. In addition, Brazilian law continues to permit some of the cruellest factory farming practices, such as sow stalls, farrowing crates and battery cages. Learn more about the quality of Brazil's legislative protections on the API here [<http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/brazil/>].



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