

# CANADA

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 45

Canada was a *very poor* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017, given its extremely high production and consumption of animal products.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 42

Canada slaughters a high number of animals, with around 20 land-based animals slaughtered per person / year (compared to a global average of 9.7). The country's dependency on farmed animals is relatively high, with around 5.7 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Canada is a major exporter of pig meat, and while it recently passed a law to phase out the use of sow stalls, these devices continue to be used widely. Factory farming continues to be widely used in pig and poultry production.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 37

The Canadian diet contains a high proportion of animal products, with 49.4% of the average Canadian's diet being made up of land-based animal protein (compared with a global average of 35.2%). This equates to each Canadian consuming around 49g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). It was estimated that around 4% [http://dcjournal.ca/doi/abs/10.3148/64.2.2003.62] of adult Canadians identified as vegetarians in 2003.

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 32

Canada was given a "D" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also a poor performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. The quality of animal welfare legislation and its enforcement varies substantially among the country's various states and territories. Cruel factory farming practices continue to be widespread across the country, and are exempt under the relevant animal protection laws. Learn more about the quality of Canada's legislative protections on the API here [http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/canada].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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