

COLOMBIA

VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

Overall Rank 27

Colombia was a *marginally adequate* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 (on par with Korea), due largely to its moderate levels of animal production and consumption.

Producing Cruelty

Rank 24

Colombia slaughters around 13.7 land-based animals per person / year, which is higher than the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is below average, with around 3.8 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Cage egg production is widespread, with broiler production intensifying and around half of the pigs reared in intensive systems.

Consuming Cruelty

Rank 28

The Colombian diet contains a relatively high proportion of animal products, with around 50.6% of the average person's diet being made up of land-based animal protein (compared with a global average of 35.2%). This equates to each Colombian consuming around 31.7g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). The FAO predicts [<http://www.fao.org/ag/agp/agpc/doc/counprof/Columbia/Colombia.htm>] that meat consumption levels will grow as income levels rise.

Sanctioning Cruelty

Rank 27

Colombia was given a "D" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also an average performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. According to the API, the quality of Colombia's animal protection legislative framework lags behind Chile, Brazil, and Argentina due to weak enforcement mechanisms in the country. Learn more about the quality of Colombia's legislative protections on the API here [<http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/colombia>].



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