

# DENMARK

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 23

Colombia was a *marginally adequate* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 (on a par with France and Poland), due largely to its high consumption of animal products.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 27

Denmark slaughters around 21.9 land-based animals per person / year, which is more than twice the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is also higher than average, with around 5.7 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Factory farming remains widespread. Egg-laying hens are confined in 'enriched cages', broilers are produced in intensive systems and pregnant pigs may be confined for at least a portion of their pregnancies in sow stalls and farrowing crates.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 44

The Danish diet contains a very high proportion of animal products, with around 61% 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 person consuming around 61.2g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g).

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 6

Denmark was given a "B" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also a good performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. Danish animal welfare laws and enforcement mechanisms go well beyond the requirements of the EU. Learn more about the quality of Denmark's legislative protections on the API here [[http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api\\_denmark\\_report\\_0.pdf](http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_denmark_report_0.pdf)].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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