

# ETHIOPIA

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 9

Ethiopia was an *adequate* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 (on par with Indonesia and Niger), due largely to its extremely low production and consumption of animal products.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 2

Ethiopia slaughters around 1 land-based animal per person / year, which is significantly lower than the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is also extremely low, with around 1.9 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Farmed animal production remains small-scale, extensive and predominately from family or community-run farms.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 1

The Ethiopian diet contains the second lowest proportion of animal products (second only to Nigeria), with around 12.6% of the average Ethiopian's diet being made up of land-based animal protein. This is compared with a global average of 35.2%, and equates to each Ethiopian consuming around 7.6g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). According to the World Bank [<http://data.worldbank.org/country/ethiopia>], 29.6% of the population lived below the national poverty line as at 2010.

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 43

Ethiopia was given an "F" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also a poor performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. According to the API, the country's animal protection laws apply only to public places (that is, cruelty to animals in private spaces is not prohibited). Learn more about the quality of Ethiopia's legislative protections on the API here [[http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api\\_ethiopia\\_report.pdf](http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_ethiopia_report.pdf)].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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