

FRANCE

VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

Overall Rank 23

France was a *marginally adequate* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 (on par with Denmark and Poland).

Producing Cruelty

Rank 25

France slaughters around 16.8 land-based animals per person / year, which is higher than the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is on par with the global average, with around 4 farmed animals per person. France is a major intensive producer of duck meat, second only to China. Broiler production remains largely intensive, and cage production for egg-laying hens and pigs remains widespread. In 2015, France was caught [<http://www.thepigsite.com/swinenews/38788/eu-countries-still-not-complying-with-sow-stall-ban-after-two-years/>] failing to comply with the EC directive limiting the use of sow stalls in pig production.

Consuming Cruelty

Rank 37

The French diet contains a very high proportion of animal products, with around 59.4% of the average person's diet in France being made up of land-based animal protein (compared with a global average of 35.2%). This equates to each person consuming around 60.3g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). As at 2014, it was estimated [<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/11186146/France-develops-taste-for-vegetarian-cuisine.html>] that vegetarians made up 3-5% of the French population.

Sanctioning Cruelty

Rank 15

France was given a "C" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also a moderate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. While its animal protection laws are adequate, France's performance is limited due to cultural and legislative acceptance of a number of cruel animal practices, such as cock and bull fighting, the force feeding of ducks and geese for foie gras production, and factory farming. Learn more about the quality of France's legislative protections on the API here [http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_france_report.pdf].



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