

# IRAN

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 46

Iran was a *very poor* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 (on par with Russia), and was ranked fourth worst out of the countries surveyed.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 48

Iran slaughters around 22 land-based animals per person / year, which is much higher than the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is also extremely high (second only to New Zealand), with around 12.9 farmed animals per person. This is compared with a global average of around 4. Poultry production is now Iran's second largest industry after oil.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 18

The Iranian diet contains a relatively low proportion of animal products, with around 22.9% 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 19.3g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g).

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 49

Iran was given a "G" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also a poor performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. This is due to the absence of any meaningful animal protection laws in the country, and the absence of government policies or strategies focusing on animal welfare. Learn more about the quality of Iran's legislative protections on the API here [<http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/iran>].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

This country profile is from the 2017 Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI). The VACI tracks the animal welfare performance of 50 countries selected among the largest producers of farmed animal products in the world. The VACI was first published in 2017, and updated in 2020. Please read the VACI Terms of Use (<https://vaci.voiceless.org.au/terms-of-use/>) and Voiceless Website Terms of Use ([Website Terms and Conditions | Voiceless](#)) for further information. Voiceless does not guarantee the accuracy, reliability or currency of the information. Questions about the VACI can be directed to: [info@voiceless.org.au](mailto:info@voiceless.org.au)

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