

# ITALY

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 13

Italy was an *adequate* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 due to its moderate levels of production and consumption of animal products.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 18

Italy slaughters around 12.4 land-based animals per person / year, which is higher than the global average of 9.7. This is relatively low compared with other developed countries. The country's dependency on farmed animals is around 4.3 farmed animals per person, which is consistent with the global average of around 4. Factory farming is prominent, and Italy is now the fourth largest broiler producer in Europe. In common with all EC countries, Italy has banned barren battery cages and has restricted the use of sow stalls.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 25

The Italian diet contains a relatively high proportion of animal products, with around 50.5% 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 51.3g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). As at 2014, 7.1% of the population was estimated

[[http://www.repubblica.it/cronaca/2015/10/16/news/il\\_popolo\\_dei\\_vegetariani\\_e\\_vegani\\_in\\_italia\\_l\\_infografica-125226613/](http://www.repubblica.it/cronaca/2015/10/16/news/il_popolo_dei_vegetariani_e_vegani_in_italia_l_infografica-125226613/)] to be vegetarian or vegan.

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 11

Italy was given a "C" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also an adequate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. The API notes that, while Italy has adequate animal protection laws, socio-cultural barriers prevent legislative progress in this area. Learn more about the quality of Italy's legislative protections on the API here

[[http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api\\_italy\\_report.pdf](http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_italy_report.pdf)].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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