

# JAPAN

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 15

Japan was an *adequate* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 14

Japan slaughters around 7.8 land-based animals per person / year, which is lower than the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is relatively low, with around 2.6 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Due to the shortage of arable land, grazing is uncommon and factory farming is widespread, particularly in poultry, pig and dairy production.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 23

The Japanese diet contains a relatively high proportion of animal products, with around 43.9% of the average person's diet being made up of land-based animal protein (compared with a global average of 35.2%). This is low compared to other developed countries, and equates to each person consuming around 30.8g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). These figures obviously do not include the consumption of fish, which is extremely high in the Japanese diet.

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 23

Japan was given a "D" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was a moderate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. The API notes gaps in Japan's animal protection legislative framework, poor enforcement mechanisms and an absence of government support for animal welfare initiatives. Learn more about the quality of Japan's legislative protections on the API here [[http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api\\_japan\\_report.pdf](http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_japan_report.pdf)].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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