

# MEXICO

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 26

Mexico was a *marginally adequate* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 22

Mexico slaughters around 13.3 land-based animals per person / year, which is higher than the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is also higher than average, with around 4.9 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Factory farming is widespread, particularly in pig and poultry production. Mexico slaughters the second highest number of horses per capita (second only to China).

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 27

The Mexican diet contains a relatively high proportion of animal products, with around 44.5% of the average Mexican'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 37.6g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g).

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 29

Mexico was given a "D" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was a moderate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. Animal protection is regulated at a state-level, and not all jurisdictions have prohibitions against animal cruelty. Factory farming practices, such as extreme confinement and mutilations without pain relief, are legal. Learn more about the quality of Mexico's legislative protections on the API here [[http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api\\_mexico\\_report\\_0.pdf](http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_mexico_report_0.pdf)].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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