

ROMANIA

VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

Overall Rank 14

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

Producing Cruelty

Rank 21

Romania slaughters around 13.3 land-based animals per person / year, which is low for a European country and lower than the global average of 9.7. Despite this, the country's dependency on farmed animals is relatively high, with around 5.6 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Factory farming is expanding, particularly in poultry production. Of note is the relatively high proportion of horses that are slaughtered.

Consuming Cruelty

Rank 22

The Romanian diet contains a relatively high proportion of animal products, with around 44.9% 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 45.5g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). This level of consumption is low compared with other European countries, due in part to the Romanian Christian Orthodox tradition of fasting (vegan) twice a week.

Sanctioning Cruelty

Rank 14

Romania was given a "D" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, but was a moderate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. Learn more about the quality of Romania's legislative protections on the API here

[http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_romania_report.pdf].



Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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