

RUSSIA

VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

Overall Rank 46

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

Producing Cruelty

Rank 40

Russia slaughters around 16.3 land-based animals per person / year, which is significantly higher than the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is moderate, with around 3.9 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Factory farming is prevalent in poultry production and is growing in pig meat production.

Consuming Cruelty

Rank 34

The Russian diet contains a relatively high proportion of animal products, with around 51% 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 48.6g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). A 2014 survey [<http://fom.ru/Obraz-zhizni/11676>] found about 3% of Russians were vegetarian.

Sanctioning Cruelty

Rank 41

Russia was given an "F" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was a moderate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. According to the API, there is no evidence that Russia has developed any policy or legislation for the protection or welfare of farmed animals. Learn more about the quality of Russia's legislative protections on the API here [http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_russia_report_0.pdf].



Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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