

# SOUTH KOREA

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 27

Korea was a *marginally adequate* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 (on par with Columbia).

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 31

Korea slaughters around 17.1 land-based animals per person / year, which is substantially higher than the global average of 9.7. The country's dependency on farmed animals is lower than the global average, with around 3.6 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Factory farming is widespread and growing, particularly in pig meat production.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 18

The Korean diet contains an average proportion of animal products, with around 35.6% 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 28.7g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g).

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 30

Korea was given a "D" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was a moderate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. This is largely due to gaps in Korea's animal protection legislative framework, poor enforcement mechanisms and what the API considered were cultural and economic barriers to improving welfare standards. Learn more about the quality of Korea's legislative protections on the API here

[[http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api\\_korea\\_report\\_0.pdf](http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_korea_report_0.pdf)].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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