

# SPAIN

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 34

Spain was a *poor* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 (on par with Thailand), due largely to its high consumption of meat.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 28

Spain slaughters around 18.4 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 4.2 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). It slaughters a relatively high number of horses and rabbits. Factory farming is widespread in pig, rabbit and poultry production.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 41

The Spanish diet contains a high proportion of animal products, with around 56.9% 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 30.8g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). A 2012 public estimated [https://elpais.com/sociedad/2012/05/07/actualidad/1336405635\_727153.html] only 0.5% of the population was vegetarian.

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 19

Spain was given a "C" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also a moderate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. While the regulatory environment is considered adequate under the API, cultural attitudes make progress in the animal protection space difficult (such as bullfighting, the running of the bulls festival and the Spanish foie gras industry). Learn more about the quality of Spain's legislative protections on the API here [http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/spain].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

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