

SWEDEN

VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

Overall Rank 12

Sweden was a *good* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 due to its strong animal protection laws and low production levels.

Producing Cruelty

Rank 9

Sweden slaughters around 9.5 land-based animals per person / year, which is lower than the global average of 9.7 and the second lowest of the European countries surveyed (second only to Switzerland). The country's dependency on farmed animals is the lowest of the European countries surveyed, with around 1.2 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Factory farming is prevalent in pig, poultry and dairy production, although sow stalls, farrowing crates and battery cages are illegal across the country.

Consuming Cruelty

Rank 32

The Swedish diet contains a very high proportion of animal products, with around 63% of the average person's diet being made up of land-based animal protein (compared with a global average of 35.2%). This is the fourth highest level of consumption of the countries surveyed, and equates to each person consuming around 55.2g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). A 2004 survey [<http://www.thelocal.se/20140321/one-in-ten-swedes-is-vegetarian-survey>] found that around 10% of the population identified as vegetarian.

Sanctioning Cruelty

Rank 7

Sweden was given a "B" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was a good performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. Sweden has strong legislative protections for animals, with the API 2014 giving it an "A" for its farmed animal protections. Learn more about the quality of Sweden's legislative protections on the API here [http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/sites/default/files/api_sweden_report.pdf].



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