

# URUGUAY

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 31

Uruguay was a *marginally adequate* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 (on par with South Africa), due largely to its high production and consumption of animal products.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 30

Uruguay slaughters around 16.6 land-based animals per person / year, which is significantly higher than the global average of 9.7. The country has the third highest dependency on farmed animals of the countries surveyed, with around 11.5 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4).

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 39

The Uruguayan diet contains a high proportion of animal products, with around 57.5% 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 51.9g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g).

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 17

Uruguay was given a "D" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was a moderate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. The API 2014 noted inadequate protections, particularly for farmed and wild animals. Learn more about the quality of Uruguay's legislative protections on the API here [<http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/uruguay>].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

This country profile is from the 2017 Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI). The VACI tracks the animal welfare performance of 50 countries selected among the largest producers of farmed animal products in the world. The VACI was first published in 2017, and updated in 2020. Please read the VACI Terms of Use (<https://vaci.voiceless.org.au/terms-of-use/>) and Voiceless Website Terms of Use ([Website Terms and Conditions | Voiceless](#)) for further information. Voiceless does not guarantee the accuracy, reliability or currency of the information. Questions about the VACI can be directed to: [info@voiceless.org.au](mailto:info@voiceless.org.au)

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