

VENEZUELA

VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

Overall Rank 48

Venezuela was an *extremely poor* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 and ranked third worst of the countries surveyed.

Producing Cruelty

Rank 36

Venezuela slaughters around 24.9 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 also high, with around 4.8 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Factory farming is prominent, particularly in pig and poultry production.

Consuming Cruelty

Rank 39

The Venezuelan diet contains a high proportion of animal products, with around 50.2% 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 35.1g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g).

Sanctioning Cruelty

Rank 42

Venezuela was given an "E" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also a very poor performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. While animal protection laws exist in Venezuela, they fail to offer meaningful protections (particularly to farmed animals), and they appear to focus mostly on the health and production of animals over the animal's welfare. Learn more about the quality of Venezuela's legislative protections on the API here [<http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/venezuela>].

Note - the VACI 2017 did not take into account the socioeconomic crises that Venezuela has undergone since the tenure of Hugo Chávez.



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