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A truck overturned on Interstate-275 today, leaving rush-hour commuters stuck for nearly an hour as live chickens from the truck were corralled by police.

The incident took place a quarter mile south of the Fremont Street exit near Norwood just past 4pm, according to police sergeant Fred Gompers.

The truck was heading northbound when the driver apparently lost control and the truck overturned, said Gompers.

Police say they deployed four squad cars to the scene to supervise the truck removal, direct traffic, and chase chickens.

"For a while the freeway there looked like a chicken farm," said Gompers.

Northbound traffic on I-275 was completely blocked for at least 45 minutes, and southbound traffic was partially blocked for about that long, according to police.

"You had to see it," said Sally Burrows, a northbound driver from Westwood who witnessed the aftermath.

"I have never seen anything like that: four police officers chasing three dozen chickens around the freeway.

I'll be late getting home but you know it was worth it for the entertainment."

The truck was driven by Anthony Devaldi, 36, of Batavia, and was owned by Acme Farms of Oakley.

Devaldi was unhurt in the incident, and police say no other vehicles were involved and no criminal charges will be filed.

Devaldi and representatives of Acme Farms declined to comment for this story.