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"Loose cattle cause several accidents on I-20 in Lincoln Parish"

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LINCOLN PARISH, LA (KSLA) - Interstate 20 between Arcadia and Simsboro in will remain closed until sometime Friday afternoon because of an early morning accident involving a cattle truck.

The accident happened about 1:45 am. The driver of a truck carrying about 100 cows said he had to swerve around a slower-moving car. The truck went into the median and overturned, allowing the cows to free themselves from the trailer.



Photos courtesy Meg Smith, KNOE-TV Monroe

Shortly after the accident, Louisiana State Police said the loose cattle caused several other accident when they walked onto the interstate and were hit by oncoming vehicles. In all, five cars and three 18-wheelers were involved.



State Police are keeping the interstate closed because just over a dozen cows are still missing. Troopers do not want to put drivers in danger if the cows cross onto I-20.

As of noon, people on horseback were riding up and down the interstate looking for the missing cattle.



One truck driver was airlifted to the hospital because of several broken bones, but police say he should be OK. There were no other serious injuries.

Until the interstate is reopened, drivers are being rerouted onto Highway 80.