

December High Wind

Non-Blizzard

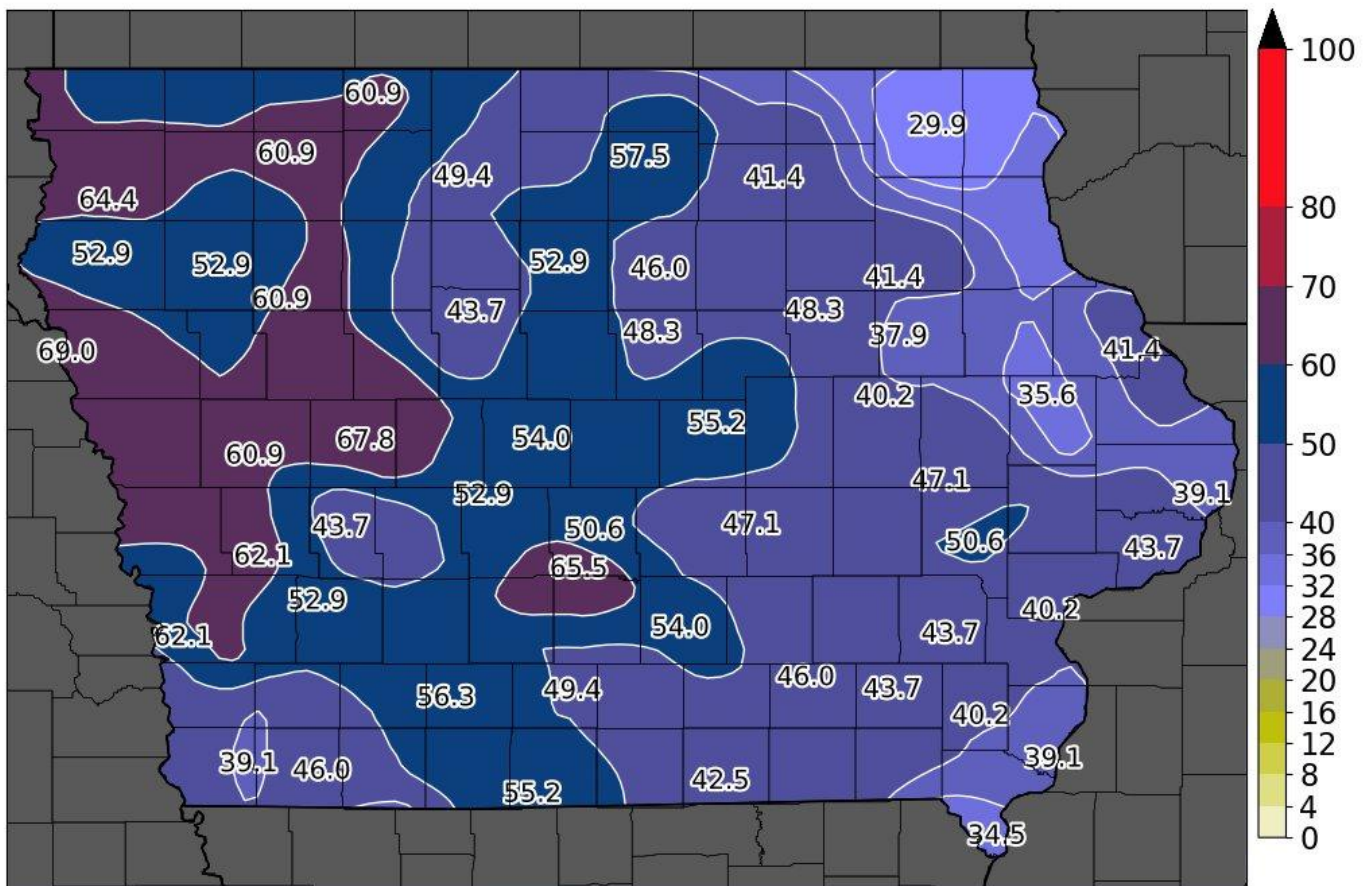
December 9th-10th, 2025

Picture credit: Iowa DOT

Event Summary

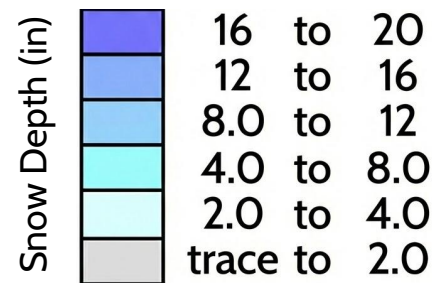
A powerful clipper system moved across the region. While its precipitation largely missed the area, its intensity resulted in high winds for much of the state, causing damage and semi blowovers. There were early concerns for blowing snow in dense snow packed areas in northern Iowa, a threat thwarted by a late surge of warm air.

Wind Reports

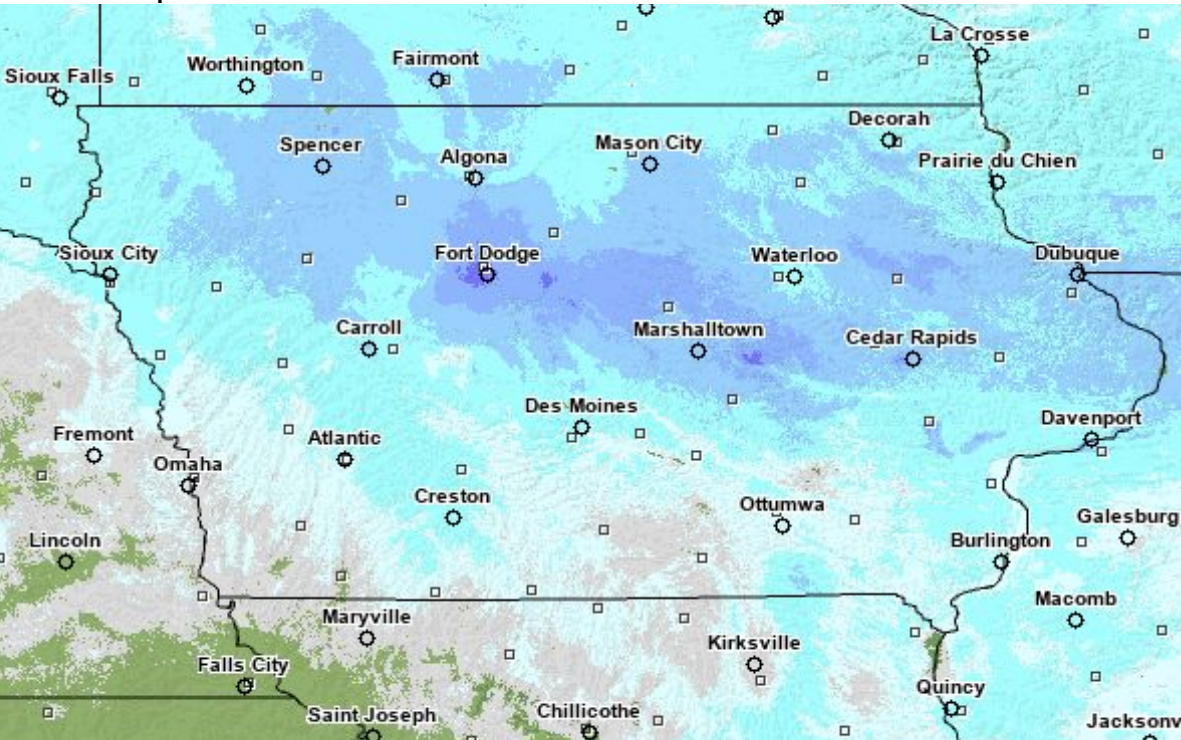


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Notable Features

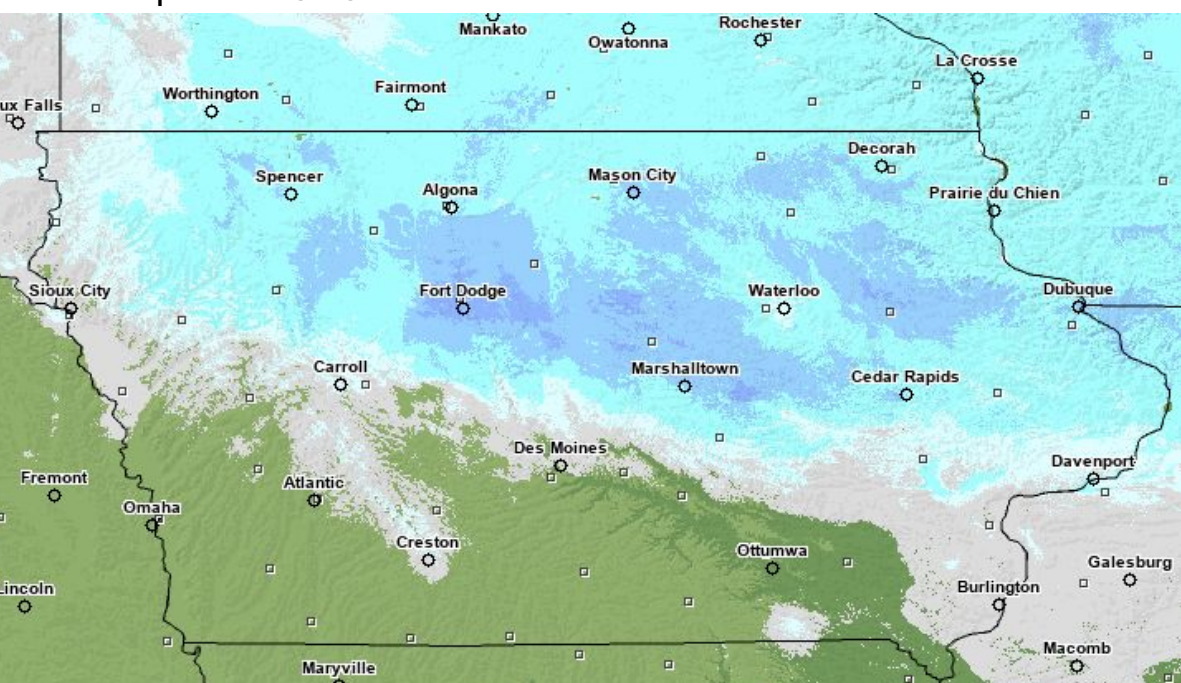


Snow depth on 12/9/25 Source: NOHRSC



Dry, powdery snow with depths near and over a foot covered northern Iowa. It had the **potential** to become blowable once the winds arrived Tuesday night, which would have resulted in blizzard conditions.

Snow depth on 12/10/25



However, temperatures rose into the 40s which impacted snow blowability. Partner groups such as EMs and USGS relayed changes to snow character, noting crusting and melting, which ultimately limited blowing snow to isolated rural areas.

