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The first big snow of the season arrived Friday night, hampering travel and leading to cancellations across the Midwest.

The snow, which began about 7 p.m. Friday evening continued until approximately 9 a.m. Saturday morning. The National Weather Service reported an unusually strong Arctic cold front that ushered in temperatures from the upper teens to middle 20s by mid-evening Friday.

For Perkins County, the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in North Platte reported six inches in Grant and nine inches northwest of Madrid.

The depth increased going east, with the weather service reporting nine inches in the Wallace area.

The National Weather Service indicated that because the air mass was unusually cold, the snow was rather light and fluffy, thus the high snowfall totals.

In the North Platte area, a new snowfall record was set for the month of October. The official reading at the regional airport was 13.8. The previous record was 13 inches, set Oct. 29-30, 1896.

