

NUVEEN INSURED TAX FREE ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND  
Form N-Q  
September 29, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-21213

**Nuveen Insured Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Jessica R. Droeger Vice President and Secretary**

**333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606**

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 10/31

Date of reporting period: 07/31/05

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments**

**Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)**

**Nuveen Insured Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NEA)**

*July 31, 2005*

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Amount (000)	Description(1)	Provis
<b>Alabama - 8.3% (5.5% of Total Investments)</b>		
\$ 5,655	Colbert County-Northwest Health Care Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Helen Keller Hospital, Series 2003, 5.750%, 6/01/27	6/13 a
3,100	Huntsville Healthcare Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.400%, 6/01/22 - MBIA Insured	5/12 a
6,280	Jefferson County, Alabama, Sewer Revenue Capital Improvement Warrants, Series 2002D, 5.000%, 2/01/32 (Pre-refunded to 8/01/12) - FGIC Insured	8/12 a
1,750	Montgomery, Alabama, General Obligation Warrants, Series 2003, 5.000%, 5/01/21 - AMBAC Insured	5/12 a
4,500	Sheffield, Alabama, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.500%, 7/01/29 - AMBAC Insured	7/13 a
<b>Arizona - 3.8% (2.5% of Total Investments)</b>		
10,000	Maricopa County Pollution Control Corporation, Arizona, Revenue Bonds, Arizona Public Service Company - Palo Verde Project, Series 2002A, 5.050%, 5/01/29 - AMBAC Insured	11/12 a
<b>California - 29.0% (19.2% of Total Investments)</b>		
13,500	California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.250%, 4/01/30 - XLCA Insured	4/12 a
7,500	California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/31 - AMBAC Insured	4/14 a
26,300	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of General Services, Capital East End Project, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 12/01/27 - AMBAC Insured (PLG)	12/12 a
2,910	Cathedral City Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Housing Set-Aside, Series 2002D, 5.000%, 8/01/26 - MBIA Insured	8/12 a
2,500	Irvine Public Facilities and Infrastructure Authority, California, Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 9/02/23 - AMBAC Insured	9/05 a
4,000	Montara Sanitation District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/01/28 - FGIC Insured	8/11 a
	Plumas County, California, Certificates of Participation, Capital Improvement Program, Series 2003A:	
1,130	5.250%, 6/01/19 - AMBAC Insured	6/13 a
1,255	5.250%, 6/01/21 - AMBAC Insured	6/13 a
1,210	Redding Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Capital Improvement Projects, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/23 - AMBAC Insured	3/13 a
3,750	Sacramento Municipal Utility District, California, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003R, 5.000%, 8/15/28 - MBIA Insured	8/13 a
1,500	San Diego Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/01/28 - FSA Insured	5/13 a
3,000	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2002, 5.000%, 8/01/32 - MBIA Insured	8/10 a
1,055	Turlock Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 1/01/28 - MBIA Insured	1/13 a
6,300	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/15/33 - AMBAC Insured	5/13 a
<b>Colorado - 3.8% (2.5% of Total Investments)</b>		
	Bowles Metropolitan District, Colorado, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003:	
4,300	5.500%, 12/01/23 - FSA Insured	12/13 a
3,750	5.500%, 12/01/28 - FSA Insured	12/13 a
1,450	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Peak-to-Peak Charter School, Series 2004, 5.250%, 8/15/24 - XLCA Insured	8/14 a

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**Florida - 1.2% (0.8% of Total Investments)**

3,000 Pinellas County Health Facilities Authority, Florida, Revenue Bonds, Baycare Health System, Series 2003, 5.500%, 11/15/27 5/13 a

**Georgia - 1.5% (1.0% of Total Investments)**

3,825 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Georgia, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Second Indenture Series 2002, 5.000%, 7/01/32 - MBIA Insured 1/13 a

**Illinois - 3.7% (2.5% of Total Investments)**

905 Cook County School District 100, Berwyn South, Illinois, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003B, 5.250%, 12/01/21 (Pre-refunded to 12/01/13) - FSA Insured 12/13 a  
 Cook County School District 145, Arbor Park, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004:  
 3,285 5.125%, 12/01/20 - FSA Insured 12/14 a  
 2,940 5.125%, 12/01/23 - FSA Insured 12/14 a  
 2,500 Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lake Forest Hospital, Series 2003, 5.250%, 7/01/23 7/13 a

**Indiana - 8.8% (5.8% of Total Investments)**

2,500 Evansville, Indiana, Sewerage Works Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 - AMBAC Insured 7/13 a  
 2,190 Indiana Bond Bank, Advance Purchase Funding Bonds, Common School Fund, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/19 - MBIA Insured 8/13 a  
 1,000 Indiana University, Student Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2003O, 5.000%, 8/01/22 - FGIC Insured 8/13 a  
 IPS Multi-School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2003:  
 11,020 5.000%, 7/15/19 - MBIA Insured 7/13 a  
 6,000 5.000%, 7/15/20 - MBIA Insured 7/13 a

**Kansas - 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)**

6,250 Kansas Development Finance Authority, Board of Regents, Revenue Bonds, Scientific Research and Development Facilities Projects, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 10/01/22 - AMBAC Insured 4/13 a

**Kentucky - 0.5% (0.3% of Total Investments)**

Kentucky State Property and Buildings Commission, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Project 77, Series 2003:  
 340 5.000%, 8/01/23 (Pre-refunded to 8/01/13) - MBIA Insured 8/13 a  
 985 5.000%, 8/01/23 (Pre-refunded to 8/01/13) - MBIA Insured 8/13 a

**Louisiana - 2.3% (1.5% of Total Investments)**

5,785 New Orleans, Louisiana, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.300%, 12/01/27 - FGIC Insured 12/12 a

**Massachusetts - 5.1% (3.4% of Total Investments)**

9,000 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Senior Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/27 (Pre-refunded to 7/01/12) - FGIC Insured 7/12 a  
 1,125 Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Middlesex School, Series 2003, 5.125%, 9/01/23 9/13 a  
 3,000 Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Metropolitan Highway System Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 1997A, 5.000%, 1/01/37 - MBIA Insured 1/07 a

**Michigan - 11.6% (7.7% of Total Investments)**

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6,130	Detroit, Michigan, Senior Lien Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 - MBIA Insured	7/13
4,465	Detroit, Michigan, Senior Lien Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 7/01/22 - MBIA Insured	7/13
10,800	Michigan Strategic Fund, Limited Obligation Resource Recovery Revenue Refunding Bonds, Detroit Edison Company, Series 2002D, 5.250%, 12/15/32 - XLCA Insured	12/12
2,250	Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.250%, 5/01/25	5/11
6,500	Wayne County, Michigan, Limited Tax General Obligation Airport Hotel Revenue Bonds, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 12/01/30 - MBIA Insured	12/11

**Missouri - 1.1% (0.7% of Total Investments)**

Clay County Public School District 53, Liberty, Missouri, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004:		
1,325	5.250%, 3/01/23 - FSA Insured	3/14
1,500	5.250%, 3/01/24 - FSA Insured	3/14

**Nebraska - 1.9% (1.3% of Total Investments)**

5,000	Lincoln, Nebraska, Sanitary Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 6/15/28 - MBIA Insured	6/13
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**Nevada - 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)**

2,315	Clark County, Nevada, Subordinate Lien Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.200%, 7/01/31 - FGIC Insured	7/11
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**New Mexico - 0.8% (0.5% of Total Investments)**

1,975	New Mexico State University, Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/19 - AMBAC Insured	4/14
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**New York - 9.5% (6.3% of Total Investments)**

25,000	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002F, 5.000%, 11/15/31 - MBIA Insured	11/12
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**North Carolina - 3.3% (2.2% of Total Investments)**

8,700	North Carolina Medical Care Commission, Revenue Bonds, Maria Parham Medical Center, Series 2003, 5.375%, 10/01/33 - RAAI Insured	10/13
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**Ohio - 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)**

1,770	Columbus, Ohio, Tax Increment Financing Bonds, Easton Project, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 12/01/21 - AMBAC Insured	6/14
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**Oregon - 3.9% (2.6% of Total Investments)**

9,350	Oregon Health Sciences University, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/32 - MBIA Insured	1/13
1,000	Sunrise Water Authority, Oregon, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 3/01/19 - FSA Insured	3/14

**Pennsylvania - 8.7% (5.8% of Total Investments)**

3,000	Lehigh County General Purpose Authority, Pennsylvania, Hospital Revenue Bonds, St. Luke's Hospital of Bethlehem, Series 2003, 5.375%, 8/15/33	8/13
2,000	Philadelphia Gas Works, Pennsylvania, Revenue Bonds, General Ordinance, Fourth Series 1998, 5.000%, 8/01/32 - FSA Insured	8/13
925	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 1997A: 5.125%, 8/01/27 - AMBAC Insured	8/07

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4,075	5.125%, 8/01/27 - AMBAC Insured	8/07 a
13,000	State Public School Building Authority, Pennsylvania, Lease Revenue Bonds, Philadelphia School District, Series 2003, 5.000%, 6/01/33 - FSA Insured	6/13 a

**South Carolina - 7.4% (4.9% of Total Investments)**

5,000	Florence County, South Carolina, Hospital Revenue Bonds, McLeod Regional Medical Center, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 11/01/23 - FSA Insured	11/14 a
	Greenville County School District, South Carolina, Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2003:	
3,000	5.000%, 12/01/22	12/13 a
1,785	5.000%, 12/01/23	12/13 a
1,365	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Water and Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, 5.375%, 3/01/19 - FGIC Insured	3/13 a
8,000	South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 10/01/33 - AMBAC Insured	10/12 a

**Texas - 13.0% (8.6% of Total Investments)**

7,975	Fort Bend Independent School District, Fort Bend County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000, 5.000%, 8/15/25	8/10 a
12,500	Grand Prairie Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series	2/13 a