

NUVEEN INSURED NEW YORK TAX FREE ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND
Form N-Q
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**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 811-21211

Nuveen Insured New York 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: 09/30

Date of reporting period: 12/31/04

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)
Nuveen Insured New York Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NRK)
December 31, 2004

Principal Description ⁽¹⁾	Optional Call Provisions* Ratings**	Market Value
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Principal Amount (000)		Optional Call	Market
Consumer Staples - 4.3% (2.9% of Total Investments)			
\$ 370	Puerto Rico, The Children's Trust Fund, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.375%, 5/15/33	5/12 at 100.00	BBB \$ 353,409
1,500	New York Counties Tobacco Trust III, Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2003, 5.750%, 6/01/33	6/13 at 100.00	BBB 1,451,040
450	TSASC Inc., New York, Tobacco Flexible Amortization Bonds, Series 1999-1, 6.250%, 7/15/34	7/09 at 101.00	BBB 455,643
Education and Civic Organizations - 22.6% (15.1% of Total Investments)			
1,000	New York City Trust for Cultural Resources, New York, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Museum of Modern Art, Series 1996A, 5.500%, 1/01/21 - AMBAC Insured	1/07 at 102.00	AAA 1,067,230
1,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, State University Dormitory Facilities, Series 2003B, 5.250%, 7/01/32 (Mandatory put 7/01/13) - XLCA Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA 1,107,170
395	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, State University Dormitory Facilities, Series 1999B, 5.125%, 7/01/28 - MBIA Insured	7/09 at 101.00	AAA 408,272
2,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Insured Revenue Bonds, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Series 1994A, 5.150%, 7/01/24 - MBIA Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA 2,196,400
100	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Insured Revenue Bonds, Rochester Institute of Technology, Series 1997, 5.250%, 7/01/22 - MBIA Insured	7/07 at 101.00	AAA 106,209
1,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Second General Resolution Consolidated Revenue Refunding Bonds, City University System, Series 2000A, 6.125%, 7/01/13 - AMBAC Insured	7/10 at 101.00	AAA 1,155,390
2,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Insured Revenue Bonds, Long Island University, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 9/01/32 - RAAI Insured	9/12 at 100.00	AA 2,042,640
1,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Mount St. Mary College, Series 2003, 5.000%, 7/01/32 - RAAI Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AA 1,018,370
2,500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Rochester Institute of Technology, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 7/01/22 - AMBAC Insured	7/12 at 100.00	Aaa 2,696,575
Healthcare - 20.7% (13.8% of Total Investments)			
500	New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, New York, Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 2/15/17 - FSA Insured	2/12 at 100.00	AAA 556,470
2,640	New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, New York, Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.250%, 2/15/21 - AMBAC Insured	2/13 at 100.00	AAA 2,848,771
830	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, New York and Presbyterian Hospital,	8/14 at 100.00	AAA 926,413

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	Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/15/15 - FSA Insured			
25	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Series 2003-1, 5.000%, 7/01/21 - MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AAA	26,537
750	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, South Nassau Communities Hospital, Series 2003B, 5.500%, 7/01/23	7/13 at 100.00	Baa1	792,188
500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, North Shore Long Island Jewish Group, Series 2003, 5.375%, 5/01/23	5/13 at 100.00	A3	526,010
2,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Hospital Revenue Bonds, Lutheran Medical Center, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/01/31 - MBIA Insured	2/13 at 100.00	AAA	2,052,740
3,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Hospital Revenue Bonds, St. Barnabas Hospital, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 2/01/31 - AMBAC Insured	8/12 at 100.00	AAA	3,075,000
Long-Term Care - 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)				
1,185	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Nursing Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Shorefront Jewish Geriatric Center Inc., Series 2002, 5.200%, 2/01/32	2/13 at 102.00	AAA	1,236,939
Tax Obligation/General - 5.7% (3.8% of Total Investments)				
2,400	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 1998H, 5.125%, 8/01/25 - MBIA Insured	8/08 at 101.00	AAA	2,545,392
225	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2004B, 5.250%, 8/01/15	8/14 at 100.00	A	246,879
195	New York, General Obligation Bonds, Series 1998B, 5.000%, 3/01/17 - AMBAC Insured	3/08 at 101.00	AAA	208,802
Tax Obligation/Limited - 52.9% (35.4% of Total Investments)				
2,695	Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority, New York, Sales Tax Revenue State Aid Secured Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/15/12 - MBIA Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA	3,049,419
1,000	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, State Service Contract Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/25 - FGIC Insured	7/12 at 100.00	AAA	1,042,190
560	Monroe Newpower Corporation, New York, Power Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.500%, 1/01/34	1/13 at 102.00	BBB	578,710
3,000	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Fiscal Series 2003C, 5.250%, 8/01/18 - AMBAC Insured	8/12 at 100.00	AAA	3,301,410
2,000	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Refunding Bonds, Fiscal Series 2003D, 5.000%, 2/01/22 - MBIA Insured	2/13 at 100.00	AAA	2,109,340
145	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Improvement Revenue Bonds, Mental Health Services Facilities, Series 1999D, 5.250%, 2/15/29 - FSA Insured	8/09 at 101.00	AAA	152,675
1,290		1/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,356,371

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	New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 1/01/23 - FGIC Insured			
2,500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, State Personal Income Tax, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/15/32 - FGIC Insured	3/13 at 100.00	AAA	2,564,950
3,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, School Districts Financing Program, Series 2002D, 5.250%, 10/01/23 - MBIA Insured	10/12 at 100.00	AAA	3,270,960
3,500	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2002B, 5.000%, 4/01/20 - AMBAC Insured	4/12 at 100.00	AAA	3,712,520
565	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2004B, 5.250%, 4/01/12 - AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA	636,077
100	New York State Urban Development Corporation, Correctional Capital Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1998, 5.000%, 1/01/20 - MBIA Insured	1/08 at 102.00	AAA	106,225
2,000	New York State Urban Development Corporation, Service Contract Revenue Bonds, Correctional and Youth Facilities, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 1/01/17 (Mandatory put 1/01/11)	No Opt. Call	AA-	2,229,100
610	New York City Sales Tax Asset Receivable Corporation, New York, Dedicated Revenue Bonds, Local Government Assistance Corporation, Series 2004A: 5.000%, 10/15/25 - MBIA Insured	10/14 at 100.00	AAA	643,538
455	5.000%, 10/15/26 - MBIA Insured	10/14 at 100.00	AAA	477,418
1,200	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 5.250%, 6/01/20 - AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,304,028
750	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003B-1C, 5.500%, 6/01/21	6/13 at 100.00	AA-	822,120
250	Yonkers Industrial Development Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, Community Development Properties - Yonkers Inc. Project, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 2/01/16	2/11 at 100.00	BBB-	273,255
Transportation - 12.0% (8.1% of Total Investments)				
1,000	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/15/25 - FGIC Insured	11/12 at 100.00	AAA	1,043,900
3,030	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Series 2002, 5.000%, 11/01/22 - FSA Insured	11/12 at 101.00	AAA	3,211,042
1,975	Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, New York, General Purpose Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 1/01/31 - MBIA Insured	1/12 at 100.00	AAA	2,040,629
U.S. Guaranteed *** - 10.7% (7.2% of Total Investments)				
100	Erie County Water Authority, New York, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1990B, 6.750%, 12/01/14 - AMBAC Insured	12/09 at 100.00	AAA	120,893
990		7/09 at 101.00	AAA	1,105,889

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	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, State University Dormitory Facilities, Series 1999B, 5.125%, 7/01/28 (Pre-refunded to 7/01/09) - MBIA Insured				
1,855	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Improvement Revenue Bonds, Mental Health Services Facilities, Series 1999D, 5.250%, 2/15/29 (Pre-refunded to 8/15/09) - FSA Insured	8/09 at 101.00	AAA	2,078,602	
	New York State Urban Development Corporation, State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, State Facilities and Equipment, Series 2002C-1:				
1,000	5.500%, 3/15/20 (Pre-refunded to 3/15/13) - FGIC Insured	3/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,155,490	
1,000	5.500%, 3/15/21 (Pre-refunded to 3/15/13) - FGIC Insured	3/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,155,490	
Utilities - 16.4% (10.9% of Total Investments)					
4,000	Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System General Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.125%, 12/01/22 - FSA Insured	6/08 at 101.00	AAA	4,295,240	
2,000	New York State Power Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/15/20	11/12 at 100.00	Aa2	2,127,580	
2,000	Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Revenue Bonds, Series 2000HH, 5.250%, 7/01/29 - FSA Insured	7/10 at 101.00	AAA	2,127,920	
Water and Sewer - 1.7% (1.2% of Total Investments)					
870	Niagara Falls Public Water Authority, New York, Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.500%, 7/15/24 - MBIA Insured	7/06 at 100.00	AAA	905,478	
\$ 73,005	Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$75,075,362) - 149.4%			78,098,948	
	Other Assets Less Liabilities - 2.3%			1,171,455	
	Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value - (51.7)%			(27,000,000)	
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares - 100%			\$52,270,403	
Forward Swap Contracts outstanding at December 31, 2004:					
		Notional Amount	Effective Date ⁽²⁾	Swap Termination Date	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
	Agreement with Morgan Stanley dated August 4, 2004, to pay semi-annually the notional amount multiplied by 5.660% (annualized) and receive quarterly the notional amount multiplied by the three-month USD-LIBOR (United States Dollar-London Inter-Bank Offered Rates).	\$800,000	2/16/05	2/16/35	\$(50,389)
	Agreement with Morgan Stanley dated August 10, 2004, to pay semi-annually the notional amount multiplied by 5.489% (annualized) and receive quarterly the notional amount multiplied by the three-month USD-LIBOR	600,000	1/14/05	1/14/35	(23,715)

Swap Unrealized

(United States Dollar-London Inter-Bank Offered Rates).

\$(74,104)

At least 80% of the Fund's net assets are invested in municipal securities that are either covered by Original Issue Insurance, Secondary Market Insurance or Portfolio Insurance which ensures the timely payment of principal and interest. Up to 20% of the Fund's net assets may be invested in municipal securities that are (i) either backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities (also ensuring the timely payment of principal and interest), or (ii) municipal bonds that are rated, at the time of investment, within the four highest grades (Baa or BBB or better by Moody's, S&P or Fitch) or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Adviser.

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Effective date represents the date on which both the Fund and counterparty commence interest payment accruals on each forward swap contract.
 - * Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates.
 - ** Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's or Moody's rating.
 - *** Securities are backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensures the timely payment of principal and interest.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing income on taxable market discount securities and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on security transactions.

At December 31, 2004, the cost of investments was \$75,075,279.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at December 31, 2004, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$3,057,133
Depreciation	(33,464)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments	\$3,023,669

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial

reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: EX-99 CERT Attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Insured New York Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Jessica R. Droeger--Vice President and Secretary

Date 02/28/05

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman--Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date 02/28/05

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Stephen D. Foy--Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date 02/28/05

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.