NUVEEN INSURED TAX FREE ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND Form N-Q September 28, 2006

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: <u>312-917-7700</u>

Date of fiscal year end: <u>10/31</u>

Date of reporting period: 7/31/06

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited) Nuveen Insured Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NEA) July 31, 2006

Principal Amount (000) Description (1) Optional Ca Provisions (

 Alabama [] 8.3% (5.5% of Total Investments)
 6/13 at 101.

 5,655
 Colbert County-Northwest Health Care Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Helen Keller Hospital, 6/13 at 101.
 6/13 at 101.

 Series 2003, 5.750%, 6/01/27
 5/12 at 102.

 3,100
 Huntsville Healthcare Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.400%, 6/01/22 []
 5/12 at 102.

 MBIA Insured
 6,280
 Jefferson County, Alabama, Sewer Revenue Capital Improvement Warrants, Series 2002D, 5.000%, 8/12 at 100.
 2/01/32 (Pre-refunded 8/01/12) [] FGIC Insured

 1,750
 Montgomery, Alabama, General Obligation Warrants, Series 2003, 5.000%, 5/01/21 [] AMBAC Insured
 5/12 at 101.

 4,500
 Sheffield, Alabama, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.500%, 7/01/29 [] AMBAC Insured
 7/13 at 100.

21,285 Total Alabama

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Arizona [] 3.8% (2.5% of Total Investments) 11/12 at 100. 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 California 29.1% (19.2% of Total Investments) 26,300 California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of General Services, 12/12 at 100. Capital East End Project, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 12/01/27 [] AMBAC Insured 7,500 California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/31 [] AMBAC Insured 4/14 at 100. 13,500 California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.250%, 4/01/30 🛛 XLCA Insured 4/12 at 100. 2,910 Cathedral City Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Housing 8/12 at 102. Set-Aside, Series 2002D, 5.000%, 8/01/26 □ MBIA Insured 2,500 Irvine Public Facilities and Infrastructure Authority, California, Assessment Revenue Bonds, 9/06 at 103. Series 2003C, 5.000%, 9/02/23 || AMBAC Insured 4,000 Montara Sanitation District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/11 at 101. 8/01/28 [] FGIC Insured Plumas County, California, Certificates of Participation, Capital Improvement Program, Series 2003A: 1,130 5.250%, 6/01/19 🛛 AMBAC Insured 6/13 at 101. 1,255 5.250%, 6/01/21 [] AMBAC Insured 6/13 at 101. 1,210 Redding Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Capital Improvement 3/13 at 100. Projects, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/23 [] AMBAC Insured 3,750 Sacramento Municipal Utility District, California, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003R, 8/13 at 100. 5.000%, 8/15/28 [] MBIA Insured 5/13 at 100. 1,500 San Diego Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/01/28 [] FSA Insured 8/10 at 101. 3,000 San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2002, 5.000%, 8/01/32 [] MBIA Insured 1,055 Turlock Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 1/13 at 100. 1/01/28 🛛 MBIA Insured 6,300 University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/13 at 100. 5/15/33 🛛 AMBAC Insured

75,910 Total California

Colorado 🛛 3.8% (2.5% of Total Investments)

Bowles Metropolitan District, Colorado, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003:

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,300 5.500%, 12	2/01/23 🛛 FSA Insured	12/13 at 100.
,750 5.500%, 12	2/01/28 🛛 FSA Insured	12/13 at 100.
,450 Colorado Ed	Jucational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds,	8/14 at 100.
Peak-to-Pea	ak Charter School, Series 2004, 5.250%, 8/15/24 🛛 XLCA Insured	
,500 Total Colora	łdo	
Florida 🛛 1	2% (0.8% of Total Investments)	
,000 Pinellas Cou	unty Health Facilities Authority, Florida, Revenue Bonds, Baycare Health System,	5/13 at 100.
Series 2003	3, 5.500%, 11/15/27 (Pre-refunded 5/15/13)	
Georgia 🛛 🕻	2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments)	
,410 DeKalb Cour	nty, Georgia, Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 10/01/35 🛛	10/16 at 100.
FSA Insured	d	
		1/13 at 100.
Indenture 5	>eries 2002, 5.000%, 7/01/32 ∐ MBIA insureα	
,235 Total Georgi	,ia	
Illinois 🛛 3.	.7% (2.5% of Total Investments)	
905 Cook County	y School District 100, Berwyn South, Illinois, General Obligation Refunding Bonds,	12/13 at 100.
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		12/14 at 100.
		12/14 at 100.
		7/13 at 100.
,630 Total Illinois	ŝ	
Indiana 🛛 १	8.8% (5.8% of Total Investments)	
,500 Evansville, I	Indiana, Sewerage Works Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 🛛	7/13 at 100
AMBAC Inst	ured	
.,190 Indiana Bon	ıd Bank, Advance Purchase Funding Bonds, Common School Fund, Series 2003B, 5.000%,	8/13 at 100
8/01/19 🛛 N	4BIA Insured	
.,000 Indiana Univ	versity, Student Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2003O, 5.000%, 8/01/22 🛛 FGIC Insured	8/13 at 100
IPS Multi-Sc	hool Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2003:	
,020 5.000%, 7/	15/19 🛛 MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100
,000 5.000%, 7/1	15/20 🛛 MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100
2,710 Total Indiana	la	
3 1 9 3 3 2 2 9 2 1 1 6	3,750 5.500%, 12 1,450 Colorado Ed Peak-to-Pea 9,500 Total Colora 3,000 Florida [] 1 3,000 Pinellas Cou Series 2003 1,410 DeKalb Cour FSA Insured 3,825 Metropolitar Indenture S 5,235 Total Georgia 3,825 Total Georgia 905 Cook County Series 2003 Cook County Series	 3,750 5.500%, 12/01/28 FSA Insured 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 9,500 Total Colorado 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 (Pre-refunded 5/15/13) Georgia 2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments) 1,410 DeKalb County, Georgia, Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 10/01/35 FSA Insured 3,825 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Georgia, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Second Indenture Series 2002, 5.000%, 7/01/32 MBIA Insured 5,235 Total Georgia Illinois 1.3.7% (2.5% of Total Investments) 905 Cook County School District 100, Berwyn South, Illinois, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 20038, 5.250%, 12/01/21 (Pre-refunded 12/01/13) FSA Insured coak County School District 145, Adro Park, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003; 5.125%, 12/01/20 FSA Insured 2,500 Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lake Forest Hospital, Series 2003, 5.250%, 7/01/23 FSA Insured 2,500 Total Illinois Indiana 1.8.8% (5.8% of Total Investments) 2,500 Evansville, Indiana, Sewerage Works Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 AMBAC Insured 2,100 Indiana Bond Bank, Advance Purchase Funding Bonds, Common School Fund, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/22 GIC Insured 1,000 Indiana Bond Bank, Advance Purchase Funding Bonds, Common School Fund, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/01/22 GIC Insured 1,000 Indiana Bond Bank, Advance Purchase Funding Bonds, Common School Fund, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/01/22 GIC Insured 1,000 Indiana Bond Bank, Advance Purchase Funding Bonds, Common School Fund, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/01/22 GIC Insured 1,000 Indiana Bond Bank, Insured

Kansas 🛛 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)

6,250Kansas Development Finance Authority, Board of Regents, Revenue Bonds, Scientific Research and4/13 at 102.Development Facilities Projects, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 10/01/22 [] AMBAC Insured4/13 at 102.

Kentucky [] 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)

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985	Kentucky State Property and Buildings Commission, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Project 77, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/01/23 (Pre-refunded 8/01/13) [] MBIA Insured	8/13 at 100.0
5,785	Louisiana 🛛 2.2% (1.5% of Total Investments) New Orleans, Louisiana, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.300%, 12/01/27 🗌 FGIC Insured	12/12 at 100.
	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 7/01/12) [] FGIC Insured	7/12 at 100.
1,125	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Middlesex School, Series 2003, 5.125%, 9/01/23	9/13 at 100.0
3,000	Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Metropolitan Highway System Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 1997A, 5.000%, 1/01/37 🛛 MBIA Insured	1/07 at 102.0
13,125	Total Massachusetts	
	Michigan 🛛 11.7% (7.7% of Total Investments)	
6,130	Detroit, Michigan, Senior Lien Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 (Pre-refunded 7/01/13) 🛛 MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.0
4,465	Detroit, Michigan, Senior Lien Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 7/01/22 🛾 MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.0
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 at 100.0
2,250	Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.250%, 5/01/25	5/11 at 100.0
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 at 101.0
30,145	Total Michigan	
	Missouri 🛛 1.1% (0.7% of Total Investments)	
240	Clay County Public School District 53, Liberty, Missouri, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.250%, 3/01/24 🛛 FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.0
215	Clay County Public School District 53, Liberty, Missouri, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.250%, 3/01/23 🛛 FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.0
	Clay County Public School District 53, Liberty, Missouri, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004:	
1,110	5.250%, 3/01/23 (Pre-refunded 3/01/14) 🛛 FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.0
1,260	5.250%, 3/01/24 (Pre-refunded 3/01/14) [] FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.0
2,825	Total Missouri	
	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 at 100.0

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 7/11 at 100.

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(Pre-refunded 7/01/11) [] FGIC Insured

1,975	New Mexico 🛛 0.8% (0.5% of Total Investments) New Mexico State University, Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/19 🗌 AMBAC Insured	4/14 at 100.0
	New York 🛛 10.2% (6.7% 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 at 100.0
1,850		3/15 at 100.0
26,850	Total New York	
	North Carolina 🛛 3.4% (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 at 100.0
	Oklahoma 🛛 0.5% (0.2% of Total Investments)	
1,000	Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority, State Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2005F, 5.000%, 7/01/24 🛾 AMBAC Insured	7/15 at 100.0
	Oregon 🛛 3.6% (2.3% of Total Investments)	
9,350	Oregon Health Sciences University, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/32 🛛 MBIA Insured	1/13 at 100.0
	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 at 100.0
2,000		8/13 at 100.0
925		8/07 at 102.0
4,075		8/07 at 102.0
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 at 100.0
23,000	Total Pennsylvania	
	South Carolina 🛛 7.4% (4.9% of Total Investments)	
5,000	Florence County, South Carolina, Hospital Revenue Bonds, McLeod Regional Medical Center,	11/14 at 100.
	Series 2004A, 5.250%, 11/01/23 🛛 FSA Insured	
	Greenville County School District, South Carolina, Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2003:	
3,000	5.000%, 12/01/22	12/13 at 100.0
1,785	5.000%, 12/01/23	12/13 at 100.0
1,365		3/13 at 100.0

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8,000 South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 10/12 at 100. 10/01/33 [] AMBAC Insured

19,150 Total South Carolina

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	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 at 100.
12,500	Grand Prairie Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.125%, 2/15/31 [] FSA Insured	2/13 at 100.
2,000	Houston, Texas, First Lien Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 5/15/25 🛛 MBIA Insured	5/14 at 100.
5,515	Houston, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.250%, 3/01/20 🛛 MBIA Insured	3/12 at 100.
5,850	Katy Independent School District, Harris, Fort Bend and Waller Counties, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 2/15/18	2/12 at 100.
33,840	Total Texas	
	Virginia 🛛 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)	
1,500	Hampton, Virginia, Revenue Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2002, 5.125%, 1/15/28 [] AMBAC Insured	1/13 at 100.
	Washington 🛛 9.2% (6.0% of Total Investments)	
4,945	Broadway Office Properties, King County, Washington, Lease Revenue Bonds, Washington Project, Series 2002, 5.000%, 12/01/31 🛛 MBIA Insured	12/12 at 100.
5,250	Chelan County Public Utility District 1, Washington, Hydro Consolidated System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002C, 5.125%, 7/01/33 [] AMBAC Insured	7/12 at 100.
2,135	Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority, Washington, Revenue Bonds, Bremerton Government Center, Series 2003, 5.000%, 7/01/23 🛛 MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.
1,935	Pierce County School District 343, Dieringer, Washington, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 12/01/17 [] FGIC Insured	6/13 at 100.
9,670	Washington State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003D, 5.000%, 12/01/21 [] MBIA Insured	6/13 at 100.
23,935	Total Washington	
	West Virginia 🛛 1.2% (0.8% of Total Investments)	
3,000	West Virginia State Building Commission, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Regional Jail and Corrections Facility, Series 1998A, 5.375%, 7/01/21 [] AMBAC Insured	No Opt. C
	Wisconsin 🛛 6.7% (4.4% of Total Investments)	
1,190	Sun Prairie Area School District, Dane County, Wisconsin, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004C, 5.250%, 3/01/24 🛛 FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.
4,605	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Healthcare Ministry, Series 2003A, 5.875%, 9/01/33	9/13 at 100.
3,000	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Meriter Hospital Inc., Series 1992A, 6.000%, 12/01/22 [] FGIC Insured	No Opt. C
3,600	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Wheaton Franciscan Services Inc., Series 2003A, 5.125%, 8/15/33	8/13 at 100.

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4,750 Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Wausau

8/08 at 102.