

NUVEEN INSURED NEW YORK TAX FREE ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND

Form N-Q

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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)

Nuveen Investments
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy
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: 9/30

Date of reporting period: 12/31/10

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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, 2010				
Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Consumer Staples – 3.2% (2.1% of Total Investments)			
\$ 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	\$ 1,358,265
290	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	272,571
1,790	Total Consumer Staples			1,630,836
	Education and Civic Organizations – 23.3% (15.1% of Total Investments)			
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	Baa3	1,833,880
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 – NPFPG Insured	No Opt. Call	A–	2,002,700
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) – SYNCORA GTY Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,072,660
410	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, State University Dormitory Facilities, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 7/01/31 – NPFPG Insured	7/16 at 100.00	Aa2	410,976
1,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Barnard College, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/25 – FGIC Insured	7/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,017,200
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	N/R	891,160
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Rochester Institute of Technology, Series 2006A:			
100	5.250%, 7/01/20 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	109,592
80	5.250%, 7/01/21 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	86,790
225	Madison County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Colgate	No Opt. Call	AA+	226,904

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	University, Tender Option Bond Trust 3127, 12.656%, 1/01/14 – AMBAC Insured (IF)			
300	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, Payment in Lieu of Taxes Revenue Bonds, Queens Baseball Stadium Project, Series 2009, 6.125%, 1/01/29 – AGC Insured	1/19 at 100.00	AA+	319,284
495	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, Yankee Stadium Project PILOT, Series 2009A, 7.000%, 3/01/49 – AGC Insured New York City Industrial Development Authority, New York, PILOT Revenue Bonds, Yankee Stadium Project, Series 2006:	3/19 at 100.00	AA+	545,292
170	5.000%, 3/01/31 – FGIC Insured	9/16 at 100.00	BBB–	162,097
1,425	5.000%, 3/01/36 – NPMFG Insured	9/16 at 100.00	Baa1	1,300,398
840	4.500%, 3/01/39 – FGIC Insured	9/16 at 100.00	BBB–	695,537
1,000	New York City Trust for Cultural Resources, New York, Revenue Bonds, American Museum of Natural History, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/36 – NPMFG Insured	7/14 at 100.00	AA	993,580
12,045	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 22.1% (14.3% of Total Investments)			11,668,050
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 – NPMFG Insured	2/13 at 100.00	Baa1	1,915,600
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	N/R	2,875,140
335	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Hudson Valley Hospital Center, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/15/27 – AGM Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA+	342,749
1,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Revenue Bonds, Montefiore Medical Center, Series 2005, 5.000%, 2/01/22 – FGIC Insured	2/15 at 100.00	BBB	1,021,190
255	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Health Quest System Inc., Series 2007B, 5.125%, 7/01/37 – AGC Insured	7/17 at 100.00	AA+	248,156
25	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Series 2003-1, 5.000%, 7/01/21 – NPMFG Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AA	25,801
790	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, New York and Presbyterian Hospital, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/15/15 – AGM Insured	8/14 at 100.00	AA+	851,739
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	754,163
305	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, The New York and Presbyterian	8/14 at 100.00	AA+	297,454

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	Hospital Project, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/15/36 – AGM Insured			
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	Aa3	2,710,277
11,100	Total Health Care			11,042,269
	Long-Term Care – 3.7% (2.4% of Total Investments)			
1,500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Nursing Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center, Series 2001, 6.100%, 8/01/41 – NPFPG Insured	8/11 at 105.00	Baa1	1,553,595
300	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, GNMA Collateralized Revenue Bonds, Cabrini of Westchester Project, Series 2006, 5.200%, 2/15/41	2/17 at 103.00	A–	280,671
1,800	Total Long-Term Care			1,834,266
	Tax Obligation/General – 3.2% (2.1% of Total Investments)			
1,000	Nassau County, New York, General Obligation Bonds, General Improvement Series 2009C, 5.000%, 10/01/29 – AGC Insured	10/19 at 100.00	AA+	1,028,840
50	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 1998H, 5.125%, 8/01/25 – NPFPG Insured	2/11 at 100.00	AA	50,127
225	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/16 – AGM Insured	8/15 at 100.00	AA+	251,102
250	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, 5.000%, 11/01/19 – AGM Insured (UB)	11/14 at 100.00	AA+	266,968
1,525	Total Tax Obligation/General			1,597,037
	Tax Obligation/Limited – 44.1% (28.5% 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 – NPFPG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa1	2,891,735
1,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Master Lease Program Revenue Bonds, Nassau County Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Series 2009A, 5.000%, 8/15/28 – AGC Insured	8/19 at 100.00	AA+	1,011,120
3,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, School Districts Financing Program, Series 2002D, 5.250%, 10/01/23 – NPFPG Insured	10/12 at 100.00	A+	3,091,350
1,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, School Districts Financing Program, Series 2009A, 5.625%, 10/01/29 – AGC Insured	10/19 at 100.00	AA+	1,036,960
340	Erie County Industrial Development Agency, New York, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Buffalo City School District Project, Series 2008A, 5.750%, 5/01/27 – AGM Insured (UB)	5/18 at 100.00	AA+	370,593
1,085	Erie County Industrial Development Agency, New York, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Buffalo City School District, Series 2007A, 5.750%, 5/01/28 – AGM Insured (UB)	5/17 at 100.00	AA+	1,166,679
2,055	Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation, New York, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%,	2/17 at 100.00	A	1,858,768

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	2/15/47 – FGIC Insured			
	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, State Service	7/12 at		
1,000	Contract Refunding Bonds,	100.00	AA–	1,001,430
	Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/25 – FGIC Insured			
	Monroe Newpower Corporation, New York, Power Facilities	1/13 at		
560	Revenue Bonds, Series 2003,	102.00	BBB	497,409
	5.500%, 1/01/34			
	New York City Sales Tax Asset Receivable Corporation, New York,			
	Dedicated Revenue Bonds, Local			
	Government Assistance Corporation, Series 2004A:			
		10/14 at		
610	5.000%, 10/15/25 – NPFPG Insured (UB)	100.00	AAA	629,959
		10/14 at		
555	5.000%, 10/15/26 – NPFPG Insured (UB)	100.00	AAA	568,842
	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Building	1/17 at		
740	Aid Revenue Bonds, Fiscal	100.00	AA–	749,405
	Series 2007S-2, 5.000%, 1/15/28 – FGIC Insured			
	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future	2/13 at		
2,000	Tax Secured Refunding Bonds,	100.00	AAA	2,109,940
	Fiscal Series 2003D, 5.000%, 2/01/22 – NPFPG Insured			
	New York Convention Center Development Corporation, Hotel Fee	11/15 at		
280	Revenue Bonds, Tender Option	100.00	AA+	279,269
	Bonds Trust 3095, 13.165%, 11/15/44 – AMBAC Insured (IF)			
	New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, State Personal	1/13 at		
1,290	Income Tax Revenue Bonds,	100.00	AAA	1,350,062
	Series 2002A, 5.000%, 1/01/23 – FGIC Insured			
	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust	No Opt.		
950	Fund Bonds, Second General, Series	Call	AA	1,093,308
	2005B, 5.500%, 4/01/20 – AMBAC Insured			
	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation,	6/13 at		
1,200	Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and	100.00	AA–	1,277,532
	State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 5.250%,			
	6/01/20 – AMBAC Insured			
	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation,	6/13 at		
750	Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and	100.00	AA–	791,708
	State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003B-1C,			
	5.500%, 6/01/21			
	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue	8/20 at		
295	Bonds, First Subordinate Series	100.00	AA+	286,233
	2010C, 5.125%, 8/01/42 – AGM Insured			
21,405	Total Tax Obligation/Limited			22,062,302
	Transportation – 13.7% (8.9% of Total Investments)			
	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation			
	Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A:			
		11/15 at		
100	4.750%, 11/15/27 – NPFPG Insured	100.00	AA+	97,223
		11/15 at		
500	4.750%, 11/15/30 – AMBAC Insured	100.00	A	479,175
	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation	11/12 at		
1,000	Revenue Refunding Bonds,	100.00	A	1,000,650
	Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/15/25 – FGIC Insured			

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140	New York State Thruway Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2007H, 5.000%, 1/01/25 – FGIC Insured	1/18 at 100.00	A+	143,529
1,875	New York State Thruway Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2005F, 5.000%, 1/01/20 – AMBAC Insured	1/15 at 100.00	A+	1,947,263
3,000	New York State Thruway Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2005G, 5.000%, 1/01/32 – AGM Insured	7/15 at 100.00	AA+	3,007,770
170	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, One Hundred Forty Eighth Series 2008, Trust 2920, 16.944%, 8/15/32 – AGM Insured (IF)	8/17 at 100.00	AA+	168,626
6,785	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 33.6% (21.8% of Total Investments) (4)			6,844,236
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 (Pre-refunded 2/01/13)	2/13 at 102.00	Aaa	1,312,530
500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, North Shore Long Island Jewish Group, Series 2003, 5.375%, 5/01/23 (Pre-refunded 5/01/13)	5/13 at 100.00	Aaa	551,480
2,500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Rochester Institute of Technology, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 7/01/22 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12) – AMBAC Insured	7/12 at 100.00	A1 (4)	2,666,125
70	Erie County Water Authority, New York, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1990B, 6.750%, 12/01/14 – AMBAC Insured (ETM)	No Opt. Call	N/R (4)	78,674
500	New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, New York, Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 2/15/17 (Pre-refunded 2/15/12) – AGM Insured	2/12 at 100.00	Aaa	527,505
3,000	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Fiscal Series 2003C, 5.250%, 8/01/18 (Pre-refunded 8/01/12) – AMBAC Insured	8/12 at 100.00	AAA	3,214,980
3,500	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2002B, 5.000%, 4/01/20 (Pre-refunded 4/01/12) – AMBAC Insured	4/12 at 100.00	AAA	3,685,360
500	New York State Urban Development Corporation, State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, State Facilities and Equipment, Series 2002C-1, 5.500%, 3/15/21 (Pre-refunded 3/15/13) – FGIC Insured	3/13 at 100.00	AAA	550,470
2,000	Power Authority of the State of New York, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/15/20 (Pre-refunded 11/15/12)	11/12 at 100.00	Aa2 (4)	2,158,880
1,975	Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, New York, General Purpose Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 1/01/31 (Pre-refunded 1/01/12) – NPMFG Insured	1/12 at 100.00	AAA	2,066,719
15,730	Total U.S. Guaranteed			16,812,723

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Utilities – 6.5% (4.2% of Total Investments)

Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A:

1,130	5.000%, 12/01/23 – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	A–	1,154,452
870	5.000%, 12/01/25 – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	A–	879,004
1,000	5.000%, 12/01/26 – AGC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA+	1,008,930
125	Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 12/01/35 – CIFG Insured	6/16 at 100.00	A–	117,863
110	Power Authority of the State of New York, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 11/15/19 – FGIC Insured	11/15 at 100.00	Aa2	117,450
3,235	Total Utilities			3,277,699
	Water and Sewer – 1.0% (0.6% of Total Investments)			
495	New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, New York, Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 6/15/36 – NPFQ Insured (UB)	6/16 at 100.00	AAA	491,812
\$ 75,910	Total Investments (cost \$76,334,229) – 154.4%			77,261,230
	Floating Rate Obligations – (4.8)%			(2,390,000)
	MuniFund Term Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (55.3)% (5)			(27,680,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 5.7%			2,860,947
				\$
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%			50,052,177

Fair Value Measurements

In determining the fair value of the Fund’s investments, various inputs are used. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Significant unobservable inputs (including management’s assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund’s fair value measurements as of December 31, 2010:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$77,261,230	\$ —	\$77,261,230

During the period ended December 31, 2010, the Fund recognized no significant transfers to/from Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

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 taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At December 31, 2010, the cost of investments was \$73,926,374.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at December 31, 2010, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:

Appreciation	\$ 2,034,434
Depreciation	(1,094,170)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 940,264

The Fund intends to invest at least 80% of its managed assets in municipal securities that are covered by insurance guaranteeing the timely payment of principal and interest.

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
 - (2) **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. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.
Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities,
 - (4) which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
 - (5) MuniFund Term Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 35.8%.
N/R Not rated.
 - (ETM) Escrowed to maturity.
 - (IF) Inverse floating rate investment.
 - (UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.
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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: See 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/ Kevin J. McCarthy
Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary

Date March 1, 2011

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
Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date March 1, 2011

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

Date March 1, 2011