

NUVEEN INSURED TAX FREE ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND  
Form N-Q  
September 29, 2009

**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)

**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: 10/31

Date of reporting period: 7/31/09

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments**

**Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)**

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

**(NEA)**

*July 31, 2009*

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Principal		Optional Call	Ratings	Value
Amount (000)	Description (1)	Provisions (2)	(3)	
<b>Alabama – 8.9% (5.9% of Total Investments)</b>				
\$ 1,000	Alabama Special Care Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Ascension Health, Series 2006C-2, 5.000%, 11/15/36 (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	AA	\$ 969,520
5,655	Colbert County-Northwest Health Care Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Helen Keller Hospital, Series 2003, 5.750%, 6/01/27	6/13 at 101.00	Baa3	4,802,905
3,100	Huntsville Healthcare Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.400%, 6/01/22 (Pre-refunded 5/14/12) – MBIA Insured	5/12 at 102.00	A (4)	3,513,323
6,280	Jefferson County, Alabama, Sewer Revenue Capital Improvement Warrants, Series 2002D, 5.000%, 2/01/32 (Pre-refunded 8/01/12) – FGIC Insured	8/12 at 100.00	AAA	6,849,910
1,750	Montgomery, Alabama, General Obligation Warrants, Series 2003, 5.000%, 5/01/21 – AMBAC Insured	5/12 at 101.00	AA	1,855,105
4,500	Sheffield, Alabama, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.500%, 7/01/29 – AMBAC Insured	7/13 at 100.00	A2	4,555,575
22,285	Total Alabama			22,546,338
<b>Arizona – 5.3% (3.5% 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 at 100.00	Baa2	8,428,300
6,545	Phoenix, Arizona, Civic Improvement Revenue Bonds, Civic Plaza, Series 2005B, 0.000%, 7/01/37 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	AA	5,011,114
16,545	Total Arizona			13,439,414
<b>California – 25.1% (16.7% of Total Investments)</b>				
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	12/12 at 100.00	A–	23,886,711
250	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, 5.250%, 4/01/30 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	4/12 at 100.00	Baa1	245,955
5	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/31 – AMBAC Insured	4/14 at 100.00	A	4,728
7,495	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (Pre-refunded 4/01/14) – AMBAC Insured	4/14 at 100.00	AAA	8,625,396
2,910		8/12 at 102.00	A	2,577,009

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	Cathedral City Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Housing			
	Set-Aside, Series 2002D, 5.000%, 8/01/26 – MBIA Insured			
250	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	135,185
	Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1, 5.125%, 6/01/47			
8,000	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed	6/15 at 100.00	A–	6,663,280
	Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 6/01/35 – FGIC Insured			
2,500	Irvine Public Facilities and Infrastructure Authority, California, Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 9/02/23 – AMBAC Insured	9/13 at 100.00	N/R	2,176,675
4,000	Montara Sanitation District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – FGIC Insured	8/11 at 101.00	A+	4,001,440
	Plumas County, California, Certificates of Participation, Capital Improvement Program, Series 2003A:			
1,130	5.250%, 6/01/19 – AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 101.00	A–	1,115,333
1,255	5.250%, 6/01/21 – AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 101.00	A–	1,208,967
1,210	Redding Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Capital Improvement	3/13 at 100.00	A	1,201,699
	Projects, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/23 – AMBAC Insured			
3,750	Sacramento Municipal Utility District, California, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003R, 5.000%, 8/15/28 – MBIA Insured	8/13 at 100.00	A+	3,677,700
1,500	San Diego Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/01/28 – FSA Insured	5/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,501,920
1,055	Turlock Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 1/01/28 – MBIA Insured	1/13 at 100.00	A	1,024,057
6,300	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/15/33 – AMBAC Insured (UB)	5/13 at 100.00	AA	6,196,239
67,910	Total California			64,242,294
	<b>Colorado – 5.8% (3.8% of Total Investments)</b>			
	Bowles Metropolitan District, Colorado, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003:			
4,300	5.500%, 12/01/23 – FSA Insured	12/13 at 100.00	AAA	4,341,022
3,750	5.500%, 12/01/28 – FSA Insured	12/13 at 100.00	AAA	3,768,338

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1,450	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Peak-to-Peak Charter School, Series 2004, 5.250%, 8/15/24 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	8/14 at 100.00	A	1,331,100
4,500	Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Colorado, Revenue Bonds, Catholic Health Initiatives, Series 2006C-1, Trust 1090, 13.946%, 10/01/41 – FSA Insured (IF)	4/18 at 100.00	AAA	4,220,460
3,000	E-470 Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Senior Revenue Bonds, Series 2000B, 0.000%, 9/01/30 – NPFGE Insured	No Opt. Call	A	623,760
2,900	E-470 Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Toll Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 0.000%, 9/01/34 – NPFGE Insured	No Opt. Call	A	425,140
19,900	Total Colorado			14,709,820
	<b>District of Columbia – 0.2% (0.1% of Total Investments)</b>			
665	Washington Convention Center Authority, District of Columbia, Senior Lien Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, Residuals 1606, 11.216%, 10/01/30 – AMBAC Insured (IF)	10/16 at 100.00	AAA	568,336
	<b>Florida – 2.3% (1.5% of Total Investments)</b>			
2,500	Florida State Board of Education, Public Education Capital Outlay Bonds, Series 2008, Trust 2929, 16.570%, 6/01/38 – AGC Insured (IF)	6/18 at 101.00	AAA	2,488,150
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)	5/13 at 100.00	Aa3 (4)	3,453,480
5,500	Total Florida			5,941,630
	<b>Georgia – 1.4% (0.9% of Total Investments)</b>			
1,410	DeKalb County, Georgia, Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 10/01/35 – FSA Insured	10/16 at 100.00	AAA	1,433,674
1,825	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Georgia, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Second Indenture Series 2002, 5.000%, 7/01/32 (Pre-refunded 1/01/13) – MBIA Insured	1/13 at 100.00	AA+ (4)	2,050,899
3,235	Total Georgia			3,484,573
	<b>Illinois – 3.5% (2.3% of Total Investments)</b>			
3,285	Cook County School District 145, Arbor Park, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004: 5.125%, 12/01/20 – FSA Insured	12/14 at 100.00	Aa3	3,510,044
2,940	5.125%, 12/01/23 – FSA Insured	12/14 at 100.00	Aa3	3,087,528

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2,500	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lake Forest Hospital, Series 2003, 5.250%, 7/01/23	7/13 at 100.00	A-	2,362,950
8,725	Total Illinois			8,960,522
<b>Indiana – 9.3% (6.1% of Total Investments)</b>				
2,500	Evansville, Indiana, Sewerage Works Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 – AMBAC Insured	7/13 at 100.00	N/R	2,482,575
2,190	Indiana Bond Bank, Advance Purchase Funding Bonds, Common School Fund, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/19 – MBIA Insured	8/13 at 100.00	A	2,240,304
1,860	Indiana Municipal Power Agency, Power Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 1/01/42 – MBIA Insured	1/17 at 100.00	A+	1,768,432
1,000	Indiana University, Student Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2003O, 5.000%, 8/01/22 – FGIC Insured	8/13 at 100.00	Aa1	1,039,930
11,020	IPS Multi-School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2003: 5.000%, 7/15/19 (Pre-refunded 7/15/13) – MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AA (4)	12,586,602
3,000	5.000%, 7/15/20 (Pre-refunded 7/15/13) – MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AA (4)	3,426,480
21,570	Total Indiana			23,544,323
<b>Kansas – 2.0% (1.4% of Total Investments)</b>				
5,000	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 at 102.00	AA	5,201,600
<b>Kentucky – 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)</b>				
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 100.00	Aa3 (4)	1,126,279
<b>Louisiana – 2.2% (1.5% of Total Investments)</b>				
5,785	New Orleans, Louisiana, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.300%, 12/01/27 – FGIC Insured	12/12 at 100.00	Baa3	5,658,482
<b>Massachusetts – 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)</b>				
1,125	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Middlesex School, Series 2003, 5.125%, 9/01/23	9/13 at 100.00	A1	1,150,076
<b>Michigan – 12.1% (7.9% of Total Investments)</b>				
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 100.00	A+ (4)	6,929,352

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4,465	Detroit, Michigan, Senior Lien Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 7/01/22 – MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	A+	4,308,279
1,000	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Trinity Health Care Group, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 12/01/31 (UB)	12/16 at 100.00	Aa2	966,000
10,800	Michigan Strategic Fund, Limited Obligation Resource Recovery Revenue Refunding Bonds, Detroit Edison Company, Series 2002D, 5.250%, 12/15/32 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	12/12 at 100.00	Baa1	9,902,304
2,250	Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.250%, 5/01/25	5/11 at 100.00	AA–	2,292,728
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 101.00	A	6,117,605
31,145	Total Michigan			30,516,268
	<b>Missouri – 1.3% (0.8% of Total Investments)</b>			
240	Clay County Public School District 53, Liberty, Missouri, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.250%, 3/01/24 – FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AAA	252,298
215	Clay County Public School District 53, Liberty, Missouri, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.250%, 3/01/23 – FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AAA	228,152
	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 100.00	AAA	1,285,103
1,260	5.250%, 3/01/24 (Pre-refunded 3/01/14) – FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,458,765
2,825	Total Missouri			3,224,318
	<b>Nebraska – 2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments)</b>			
5,000	Lincoln, Nebraska, Sanitary Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 6/15/28 – MBIA Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AA+	5,054,050
	<b>New Mexico – 0.8% (0.6% of Total Investments)</b>			
1,975	New Mexico State University, Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/19 – AMBAC Insured	4/14 at 100.00	AA	2,131,361
	<b>New York – 12.3% (8.2% of Total Investments)</b>			
2,020	Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation, New York, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 4.500%, 2/15/47 – MBIA Insured	2/17 at 100.00	A	1,612,687
25,000	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation Revenue Refunding Bonds,	11/12 at 100.00	A	24,471,999

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	Series 2002F, 5.000%, 11/15/31 – MBIA Insured			
	New York State Urban Development Corporation, State			
1,850	Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, Series	3/15 at 100.00	AAA	1,922,224
	2005B, 5.000%, 3/15/25 – FSA Insured (UB)			
	New York State Urban Development Corporation, State			
3,335	Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, Tender	3/17 at 100.00	AAA	3,332,165
	Option Bond Trust 09-6W, 12.592%, 3/15/37 (IF)			
32,205	Total New York			31,339,075
	<b>North Carolina – 2.2% (1.5% of Total Investments)</b>			
	North Carolina Medical Care Commission, Revenue Bonds,			
8,700	Maria Parham Medical Center, Series	10/13 at 100.00	BBB–	5,573,046
	2003, 5.375%, 10/01/33 – RAAI Insured			
	<b>Ohio – 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)</b>			
	Buckeye Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority, Ohio,			
	Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue			
	Bonds, Senior Lien, Series 2007A-2:			
65	5.125%, 6/01/24	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	53,544
710	5.875%, 6/01/30	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	500,209
685	5.750%, 6/01/34	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	442,859
1,570	5.875%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BBB	901,384
3,030	Total Ohio			1,897,996
	<b>Oklahoma – 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)</b>			
	Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority, State Facilities			
1,000	Revenue Bonds, Series 2005F, 5.000%,	7/15 at 100.00	AA	1,042,020
	7/01/24 – AMBAC Insured			
	<b>Oregon – 3.0% (2.0% of Total Investments)</b>			
	Oregon Health Sciences University, Revenue Bonds, Series			
8,350	2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/32 – MBIA Insured	1/13 at 100.00	A	7,537,879
	<b>Pennsylvania – 9.5% (6.1% of Total Investments)</b>			
	Lehigh County General Purpose Authority, Pennsylvania,			
3,000	Hospital Revenue Bonds, St. Luke’s	8/13 at 100.00	AAA	3,468,600
	Hospital of Bethlehem, Series 2003, 5.375%, 8/15/33 (Pre-refunded 8/15/13)			
	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Turnpike Subordinate			
3,500	Revenue Bonds, Series 2009C, 0.000%,	6/26 at 100.00	AAA	2,383,780
	6/01/33 – FSA Insured			
	Philadelphia Gas Works, Pennsylvania, Revenue Bonds,			
2,000	5.000%, 8/01/32 – FSA Insured (UB)	8/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,970,440
	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Water and Wastewater Revenue			
925	Bonds, Series 1997A, 5.125%,	8/09 at 100.00	AAA	950,484
	8/01/27 – AMBAC Insured (ETM)			
	State Public School Building Authority, Pennsylvania,			
13,000	Lease Revenue Bonds, Philadelphia School	6/13 at 100.00	AAA	14,800,629

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	District, Series 2003, 5.000%, 6/01/33 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13) – FSA Insured			
22,425	Total Pennsylvania			23,573,933
	<b>Puerto Rico – 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)</b>			
	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax			
10,000	Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 0.000%, 8/01/43 – NPFPG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	1,122,900
	<b>South Carolina – 7.0% (4.7% of Total Investments)</b>			
	Florence County, South Carolina, Hospital Revenue Bonds, McLeod Regional Medical Center, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 11/01/23 – FSA Insured	11/14 at 100.00	AAA	5,150,850
	Greenville County School District, South Carolina, Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2003:			
		12/13 at 100.00	AA	3,050,490
3,000	5.000%, 12/01/22 (UB)			
		12/13 at 100.00	AA	1,810,543
1,785	5.000%, 12/01/23 (UB)			
	South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 10/01/33 – AMBAC Insured	10/12 at 100.00	A1	7,845,440
8,000				
17,785	Total South Carolina			17,857,323
	<b>Texas – 12.0% (8.0% of Total Investments)</b>			
	Fort Bend Independent School District, Fort Bend County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000, 5.000%, 8/15/25	8/10 at 100.00	AAA	8,060,412
7,975				
	Grand Prairie Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.125%, 2/15/31 (Pre-refunded 2/15/13) – FSA Insured	2/13 at 100.00	AAA	14,166,999
12,500				
	Houston, Texas, First Lien Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 5/15/25 – MBIA Insured	5/14 at 100.00	AA	2,062,960
2,000				
	Houston, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.250%, 3/01/20 – MBIA Insured	3/12 at 100.00	AA	5,817,167
5,515				
	Katy Independent School District, Harris, Fort Bend and Waller Counties, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 2/15/18	2/12 at 100.00	AAA	489,492
465				
28,455	Total Texas			30,597,030
	<b>Virginia – 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)</b>			
	Hampton, Virginia, Revenue Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2002, 5.125%, 1/15/28 – AMBAC Insured	1/13 at 100.00	A1	1,507,740
1,500				
	<b>Washington – 11.7% (7.8% of Total Investments)</b>			



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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 100.00	AAA	4,965,720
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 100.00	AA	5,274,465
5,000	King County, Washington, Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2006-2, 12.406%, 1/01/31 – FSA Insured (IF)	1/17 at 100.00	AAA	5,175,500
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 100.00	A1	2,159,104
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 100.00	Aa1	2,131,577
9,670	Washington State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003D, 5.000%, 12/01/21 – MBIA Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AA+	10,148,472
28,935	Total Washington			29,854,838
	<b>West Virginia – 1.3% (0.8% of Total Investments)</b>			
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. Call	N/R	3,181,620
	<b>Wisconsin – 6.7% (4.5% of Total Investments)</b>			
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 100.00	Aa3	1,331,955
4,605	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Healthcare Ministry, Series 2003A, 5.875%, 9/01/33 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13)	9/13 at 100.00	BBB+ (5)	5,383,659
3,000	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Meriter Hospital Inc., Series 1992A, 6.000%, 12/01/22 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	3,125,730
3,600	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Wheaton Franciscan Services Inc., Series 2003A, 5.125%, 8/15/33	8/13 at 100.00	BBB+	2,666,807
4,750	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Wausau Hospital Inc., Series 1998A, 5.125%, 8/15/20 – AMBAC Insured	8/09 at 101.00	A	4,620,420
17,145	Total Wisconsin			17,128,571
\$ 402,705	Total Investments (cost \$385,416,797) – 150.8% Floating Rate Obligations – (4.8)%			383,713,655 (12,125,000)

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Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.0%	4,798,474
Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (48.0)% (5)	(122,000,000)
	\$
Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%	254,387,129

**Fair Value Measurements**

During the current fiscal period, the Fund adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (SFAS No. 157) "Fair Value Measurements." SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. In determining the 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 methodology 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 July 31, 2009:

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$383,713,655	\$ —	\$383,713,655

**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 transactions subject to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 140 (SFAS No. 140), 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 July 31, 2009, the cost of investments was \$373,129,881.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at July 31, 2009, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 15,465,167
Depreciation	(17,003,971)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ (1,538,804)

At least 80% of the Fund's net assets (including net assets attributable to Auction Rate Preferred shares)

are invested in municipal securities that guarantee the timely payment of principal and interest.

All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets

(1) applicable to Common

shares unless otherwise noted.

Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional

(2) 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 higher of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's") or Moody's

(3) Investor Service,

Inc. ("Moody's") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be

below investment grade.

The Portfolio of Investments may reflect the ratings on certain bonds whose insurer has experienced

downgrades as of the end of the reporting period. Subsequent to the reporting period, and during the

period this Portfolio of Investments was prepared, there may have been reductions to the ratings of

certain bonds resulting from changes to the ratings of the underlying insurers both during the period and

after period end. Such reductions would likely reduce the effective rating of many of the bonds insured

by that insurer or insurers presented at period end.

Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S.

(4) Government agency securities

which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Such investments are normally considered to

be equivalent to AAA rated securities.

Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total

(5) Investments is 31.8%.

N/R Not rated.

(ETM) Escrowed to maturity.

(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.

Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction

(UB) pursuant to the

provisions of SFAS No. 140.

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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

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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 Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy  
Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary

Date September 29, 2009

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 September 29, 2009

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

Date September 29, 2009