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Name of Fund: MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.

Fund Address: P.O. Box 9011
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (609) 282-2800

Date of fiscal year end: 10/31/05

Date of reporting period: 11/01/04 - 04/30/05

Item 1 - Report to Stockholders

MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.

Semi-Annual Report
April 30, 2005

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MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc. seeks to provide shareholders with as high a level of current income exempt from federal income taxes as is consistent with its investment policies and prudent investment management by investing primarily in a portfolio of long-term, investment grade municipal obligations the interest on which, in the opinion of bond counsel to the issuer, is exempt from federal income taxes.

This report, including the financial information herein, is transmitted to shareholders of MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc. for their information. It is not a prospectus. Past performance results shown in this report should

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not be considered a representation of future performance. The Fund has leveraged its Common Stock and intends to remain leveraged by issuing Preferred Stock to provide the Common Stock shareholders with a potentially higher rate of return. Leverage creates risks for Common Stock shareholders, including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of shares of the Common Stock, and the risk that fluctuations in the short-term dividend rates of the Preferred Stock may affect the yield to Common Stock shareholders. Statements and other information herein are as dated and are subject to change.

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free 1-800-MER-FUND (1-800-637-3863); (2) at www.mutualfunds.ml.com; and (3) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Information about how the Fund voted proxies relating to securities held in the Fund's portfolio during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) at www.mutualfunds.ml.com; and (2) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.

The Benefits and Risks of Leveraging

MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc. utilizes leveraging to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its Common Stock. However, these objectives cannot be achieved in all interest rate environments. To leverage, the Fund issues Preferred Stock, which pays dividends at prevailing short-term interest rates, and invests the proceeds in long-term municipal bonds. The interest earned on these investments, net of dividends to Preferred Stock, is paid to Common Stock shareholders in the form of dividends, and the value of these portfolio holdings is reflected in the per share net asset value of the Fund's Common Stock. However, in order to benefit Common Stock shareholders, the yield curve must be positively sloped; that is, short-term interest rates must be lower than long-term interest rates. At the same time, a period of generally declining interest rates will benefit Common Stock shareholders. If either of these conditions change, then the risks of leveraging will begin to outweigh the benefits.

To illustrate these concepts, assume a fund's Common Stock capitalization of \$100 million and the issuance of Preferred Stock for an additional \$50 million, creating a total value of \$150 million available for investment in long-term municipal bonds. If prevailing short-term interest rates are approximately 3% and long-term interest rates are approximately 6%, the yield curve has a strongly positive slope. The fund pays dividends on the \$50 million of Preferred Stock based on the lower short-term interest rates. At the same time, the fund's total portfolio of \$150 million earns the income based on long-term interest rates.

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In this case, the dividends paid to Preferred Stock shareholders are significantly lower than the income earned on the fund's long-term investments, and therefore the Common Stock shareholders are the beneficiaries of the incremental yield. However, if short-term interest rates rise, narrowing the differential between short-term and long-term interest rates, the incremental yield pickup on the Common Stock will be reduced or eliminated completely. At the same time, the market value of the fund's Common Stock (that is, its price as listed on the New York Stock Exchange) may, as a result, decline. Furthermore, if long-term interest rates rise, the Common Stock's net asset value will reflect the full decline in the price of the portfolio's investments, since the value of the fund's Preferred Stock does not fluctuate. In addition to the decline in net asset value, the market value of the fund's Common Stock may also decline.

As a part of its investment strategy, the Fund may invest in certain securities whose potential income return is inversely related to changes in a floating interest rate ("inverse float-ers"). In general, income on inverse floaters will decrease when short-term interest rates increase and increase when short-term interest rates decrease. Investments in inverse floaters may be characterized as derivative securities and may subject the Fund to the risks of reduced or eliminated interest payments and losses of invested principal. In addition, inverse floaters have the effect of providing investment leverage and, as a result, the market value of such securities will generally be more volatile than that of fixed-rate, tax-exempt securities. To the extent the Fund invests in inverse floaters, the market value of the Fund's portfolio and the net asset value of the Fund's shares may also be more volatile than if the Fund did not invest in such securities. As of April 30, 2005, the percentage of the Fund's total net assets invested in inverse floaters was 13.84%, before the deduction of Preferred Stock.

Swap Agreements

The Fund may invest in swap agreements, which are over-the-counter contracts in which one party agrees to make periodic payments based on the change in market value of a specified bond, basket of bonds, or index in return for periodic payments based on a fixed or variable interest rate or the change in market value of a different bond, basket of bonds or index. Swap agreements may be used to obtain exposure to a bond or market without owning or taking physical custody of securities. Swap agreements involve the risk that the party with whom the Fund has entered into the swap will default on its obligation to pay the Fund and the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its obligations to pay the other party to the agreement.

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A Letter From the President

Dear Shareholder

Financial markets faced a number of crosscurrents over the past several months, but most major benchmarks managed to post positive returns for the

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annual and semi-annual reporting periods ended April 30, 2005:

Total Returns as of April 30, 2005	6-month	12-month
U.S. equities (Standard & Poor's 500 Index)	+3.28%	+ 6.34%
Small-cap U.S. equities (Russell 2000 Index)	-0.15%	+ 4.71%
International equities (MSCI Europe Australasia Far East Index)	+8.71%	+14.95%
Fixed income (Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index)	+0.98%	+ 5.26%
Tax-exempt fixed income (Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index)	+1.93%	+ 6.81%
High yield bonds (Credit Suisse First Boston High Yield Index)	+0.65%	+ 6.92%

After expanding at an annualized rate of 4.4% in 2004, U.S. gross domestic product growth for the first quarter of 2005 came in at an estimated 3.1% (although that figure was later revised upward to 3.5%). Nevertheless, the Federal Reserve Board continued increasing interest rates at a measured pace to combat emergent inflation. The most recent hike came on May 3, and brought the federal funds rate to 3%. Recently, signs of inflation have taken the form of rising business costs and increasing consumer prices, particularly in the areas of gasoline, healthcare, housing and education.

U.S. equities ended 2004 in a strong rally, but stumbled into negative territory in 2005. The market weakness was largely fueled by the potential for slowing economic and corporate earnings growth, renewed energy price concerns and a lack of investor conviction. On the positive side, certain sectors of the market have been performing well (particularly energy) and corporate transactions, such as mergers and acquisitions, stock buy-backs and dividend payouts, have all increased. International equities, especially in Asia, have benefited from higher economic growth rates.

In the bond market, we witnessed a yield curve flattening trend over the past several months as short-term yields increased and longer-term interest rates remained more stable or fell. At the end of April 2005, the two-year Treasury note yielded 3.66% and the 10-year Treasury note yielded 4.21%, a difference of 55 basis points (.55%). This compared to a spread of 149 basis points six months earlier and 222 basis points 12 months ago.

Looking ahead, the environment is likely to be a challenging one for investors. With this in mind, we encourage you to meet with your financial advisor to review your goals and asset allocation and to rebalance your portfolio, as necessary, to ensure it remains aligned with your objectives and risk tolerance. As always, we thank you for trusting Merrill Lynch Investment Managers with your investment assets, and we look forward to serving you in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

(Robert C. Doll, Jr.)
Robert C. Doll, Jr.
President and Director

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A Discussion With Your Fund's Portfolio Manager

We focused primarily on protecting the Fund's net asset value and providing shareholders with above-average income.

Describe the recent market environment relative to municipal bonds.

Amid significant volatility, long-term bond yields moved lower over the past six months as shorter-term interest rates increased. For all of 2004, real gross domestic product (GDP) grew at an annualized rate of 4.4%, well ahead of 2003's annual rate of 3%. An advanced estimate of first quarter 2005 GDP growth came in at an unexpectedly low 3.1%, although that figure was later revised upward to 3.5%.

It appeared that continued economic improvements were generally disregarded as investors focused on inflationary trends, currency-related demand for long-term U.S. securities, and interest rate action on the part of the Federal Reserve Board (the Fed). During the past six months, 30-year Treasury bond yields declined 28 basis points (.28%) to 4.51%, while 10-year Treasury note yields rose 16 basis points to 4.21%. The Fed, in the meantime, continued to raise short-term interest rates at each of its meetings throughout the period, and most recently increased the federal funds rate from 2.75% to 3% on May 3. As short-term interest rates rose while longer-term interest rates fell, the yield curve continued to flatten.

Tax-exempt bond yields exhibited a similar pattern during the period. Yields on 30-year revenue bonds, as measured by the Bond Buyer Revenue Bond Index, fell 14 basis points to 4.83%. According to Municipal Market Data, yields on AAA-rated issues maturing in 30 years declined 23 basis points to 4.37%, while AAA-rated bonds maturing in 10 years saw their yields rise 17 basis points to 3.57% during the six-month period.

Over the past six months, more than \$186 billion in tax-exempt bonds was underwritten, an increase of 7.5% versus the same period a year earlier. Issuance so far in 2005 has been boosted by a 32% increase in refunding issues as municipalities have sought to refinance existing higher-coupon debt. These refunding issues have been heavily weighted in the 10-year - 20-year maturity range to lower the overall interest cost of the refunding issue. This concentration has put pressure on intermediate tax-exempt bond yields while supporting longer-term bond prices.

Investor demand for municipal product remained generally positive during the period. Investment Company Institute statistics indicate that, year-to-date through March 31, 2005, net new cash flows into long-term municipal bond funds exceeded \$1.3 billion. This represented a significant improvement from the \$516 million seen during the same period in 2004. However, AMG Data Services reports that recent weekly figures for the month of April have shown a modest reversal in the positive flows seen in the first three months of the year.

How did the Fund perform during the period in light of the existing market conditions?

For the six-month period ended April 30, 2005, the Common Stock of MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc. had net annualized yields of 6.17% and 6.66%, based on a period-end per share net asset value of \$15.72 and a per share market

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price of \$14.56, respectively, and \$.481 per share income dividends. Over the same period, the total investment return on the Fund's Common Stock was +4.34%, based on a change in per share net asset value from \$15.59 to \$15.72, and assuming reinvestment of all distributions.

The Fund's total return, based on net asset value, exceeded the +2.67% average return of the Lipper Insured Municipal Debt Funds (Leveraged) category for the six-month period. (Funds in this Lipper category invest primarily in municipal debt issues insured as to timely payment. These funds can be leveraged via use of debt, preferred equity and/or reverse repurchase agreements.)

The Fund's outperformance can be attributed to a few factors, including security selection, favorable timing and our focus on the long end of the municipal yield curve. As the yield curve flattened considerably over the past six months, long-term bonds outperformed shorter-term issues, and our focus on this sector of the curve enhanced Fund results.

For a description of the Fund's total investment return based on a change in the per share market value of the Fund's Common Stock (as measured by the trading price of the Fund's shares on the New York Stock Exchange), and assuming reinvestment of dividends, please refer to the Financial Highlights section of this report. As a closed-end fund, the Fund's shares may trade in the secondary market at a premium or discount to the Fund's net asset value. As a result, total investment returns based on changes in the market value of the Fund's Common Stock can vary significantly from total investment returns based on changes in the Fund's net asset value.

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What changes were made to the portfolio during the period?

During the past six months, we focused primarily on protecting the Fund's net asset value and providing shareholders with above-average income. To that end, we continued to emphasize purchases of premium-coupon bonds with longer maturities, usually in the 20-year - 30-year range. Our observations have revealed a "twisted" yield curve, with yields on longer bonds decreasing and yields on shorter bonds - those with maturities of 20 years and less - increasing. Given that bond prices move in the opposite direction of yields, the result has been that bonds on the long end of the municipal yield curve performed well while short-term bonds lagged. The long end also experienced less volatility than the shorter end; therefore, moving further out on the curve helped to dampen the Fund's price volatility.

Another strategy employed during the period was to adopt a more "barbelled" structure for the portfolio. This involved purchasing bonds with 10-year maturities to balance our emphasis on longer-term bonds. This strategy was not effective, however, as the 10-year portion of the yield curve suffered most as the yield curve continued to flatten. We eventually replaced these holdings with additional longer-maturity premium bonds. Finally, we added to the Fund's holdings in uninsured California general obligation bonds at what we believed were relatively attractive yields compared to the overall municipal market. This contributed to Fund performance as California municipal bonds outperformed the broader market during the period.

For the six-month period ended April 30, 2005, the Fund's Auction Market Preferred Stock (AMPS) had average yields of 1.53% for Series A, 1.61% for

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Series B, 1.83% for Series C, 1.89% for Series D, 1.76% for Series E, 1.64% for Series F, 1.79% for Series G, 1.84% for Series H and 1.85% for Series I. At this point in the Fed's monetary tightening cycle, interest rate increases are having a material impact on the Fund's borrowing costs. The Fed raised the short-term interest rate target 100 basis points during the six-month period. Still, the tax-exempt yield curve remained relatively steep and continued to generate an income benefit to the holders of Common Stock from the leveraging of Preferred Stock. However, should the spread between short-term and long-term interest rates narrow, the benefits of leveraging will decline and, as a result, reduce the yield on the Fund's Common Stock. At the end of the period, the Fund's leverage amount, due to AMPS, was 35.02% of total net assets. (For a more complete explanation of the benefits and risks of leveraging, see page 2 of this report to shareholders.)

How would you characterize the Fund's position at the close of the period?

We remain somewhat cautious in our outlook for the municipal market in the months ahead. Inflationary data could prove troubling to the Fed, which at its March meeting expressed greater concern about rising prices. Our view is that the Fed will continue to steadily increase the federal funds rate toward 3.5% - 3.75% by the end of the year. All else being equal, we believe the municipal bond market is well positioned to outperform other fixed income markets given an expected decrease in supply with no loss of demand.

Against this backdrop, we intend to maintain our focus on premium-coupon issues in the 20-year - 30-year maturity range. Given the dramatic flattening of the yield curve over the past six months, we feel that this maturity range provides the best current yields for the corresponding level of duration risk. It is also our intention to concentrate future purchases in the securities of high-tax states, such as New York, New Jersey and California. Because of the relatively high state income taxes imposed by these states, their securities typically meet with strong retail demand. This creates a solid technical market for these securities, leading to better liquidity. Importantly, these strategies will be pursued while maintaining a focus on a high degree of credit quality.

William R. Bock
Vice President and Portfolio Manager

May 26, 2005

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Proxy Results

During the six-month period ended April 30, 2005, MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.'s Common Stock shareholders voted on the following proposals. Proposal 1 was approved at a shareholders' meeting on April 28, 2005. With respect to Proposal 2, the proposal was adjourned until May 27, 2005, at which time it passed. A description of the proposals and number of shares voted were as follows:

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		Shares Voted For
1. To elect the Fund's Directors:	Robert C. Doll, Jr.	38,040,025
	Joe Grills	37,976,967
	Herbert I. London	38,027,738
	Roberta Cooper Ramo	38,008,496
	Stephen B. Swensrud	37,974,974

	Shares Voted For	Shar Ag
2. To approve an amendment to fundamental investment restrictions.	27,499,426	1,2

During the six-month period ended April 30, 2005, MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.'s Preferred Stock shareholders (Series A - I) voted on the following proposals. Proposal 1 was approved at a shareholders' meeting on April 28, 2005. With respect to Proposal 2, the proposal was adjourned until May 27, 2005, at which time it passed. A description of the proposals and number of shares voted were as follows:

	Shares Voted For
1. To elect the Fund's Board of Directors: Robert C. Doll, Jr., James H. Bodurtha, Joe Grills, Herbert I. London, Roberta Cooper Ramo, Robert S. Salomon, Jr. and Stephen B. Swensrud	16,042

	Shares Voted For	Shar Ag
2. To approve an amendment to fundamental investment restrictions.	21,655	

Portfolio Information as of April 30, 2005

Quality Ratings by S&P/Moody's	Percent of Total Investments
AAA/Aaa	85.3%
AA/Aa	0.2
A/A	10.4
BBB/Baa	1.5
NR (Not Rated)	2.1
Other*	0.5

*Includes portfolio holdings in variable rate demand notes.

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Schedule of Investments

State	Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
Alabama--0.5%	\$ 4,500	Jefferson County, Alabama, Limited Obligation School Warrants, Series A, 6% due 1/01/2021
Alaska--1.5%	3,695	Alaska Energy Authority, Power Revenue Refunding Bonds (Bradley Lake Series), 6% due 7/01/2018 (g)
	11,280	Alaska State Housing Finance Corporation, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series A, 5.50% due 12/01/2024 (d) (i) (j)
California--35.2%	10,000	Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, California, Capital Appraisal Refunding Bonds, Subordinate Lien, Series A, 5.473%** due 10/01/2018
	13,025	Alhambra, California, Unified School District, GO (Election of 2004), Series A, 5.50% due 8/01/2029 (c)
	5,000	Antioch, California, Public Finance Authority, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (Municipal Facilities Project), Series A, 5.50% due 1/01/2032 (i)
	10,000	California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, Bay Area Transportation Bonds, First Lien, Series A, 5% due 7/01/2025 (c)
	5,750	California State Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series A, 5.125% due 5/01/2018 (i)
	10,000	California State Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series A, 5.25% due 5/01/2020 (i)
	3,675	California State Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series A, 5.375% due 5/01/2021
	12,010	California State Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series A, 5.375% due 5/01/2022 (i)
	7,450	California State, GO, DRIVERS (i) (k): Series 556, 7.695% due 11/01/2011
	6,450	California State, GO, DRIVERS (i) (k): Series 557, 7.695% due 4/01/2012
	5,000	California State, GO, Refunding, RIB, Series 471x, 7.76% due 9/01/2028
	5,500	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds: (Department of Corrections), Series C, 5.25% due 6/01/2028
	3,755	(Department of General Services), Series D, 5.25% due 6/01/2028
	5,250	(Department of Mental Health--Coalinga State Hospital), Series A, 5.50% due 6/01/2028
	12,000	California State, Various Purpose, GO, 5.25% due 11/01/2029
	32,000	California State, Various Purpose, GO, Refunding, 5% due 6/01/2034
	7,740	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Health Facilities Financing Program, Series A, 6% due 10/01/2023
	4,205	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series C, 5.25% due 10/01/2034 (g)
	3,905	Clovis, California, Public Financing Authority, Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series A, 5.50% due 8/01/2035 (i)
	7,500	Desert Sands, California, Unified School District, GO (Election of 2004), Series A, 5.50% due 6/01/2029 (g)
	5,800	Fairfield-Suisun, California, Unified School District, GO (Election of 2004), Series A, 5.50% due 8/01/2028 (i)
	5,015	Gavilan, California, Joint Community College District, GO, DRIVERS, Series A, 7.695% due 8/01/2012 (a) (k)
	6,000	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation of California, Tobacco Revenue Bonds: DRIVERS, Series 726, 7.945% due 12/01/2010 (c) (k)
	13,500	RIB, Series 920X, 7.76% due 6/01/2033 (c) (k)
	1,500	Series B, 5.50% due 6/01/2033
	2,500	Series B, 5.50% due 6/01/2043
	12,155	Huntington Beach, California, Union High School District, GO (Election of 2004), Series A, 5.50% due 8/01/2029 (g)
	1,000	Long Beach, California, Harbor Revenue Refunding Bonds, AMT, Series A, 5.50% due 5/15/2027 (i)

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5,000		Los Angeles, California, Harbor Department Revenue Bonds, RITR, AMT 9.015% due 11/01/2026 (i) (k)
		Los Angeles, California, Unified School District, GO:
6,265		DRIVERS, Series 261, 7.499% due 7/01/2022 (c) (k)
28,800		Series A, 5% due 1/01/2028 (i)
12,775		Los Angeles, California, Water and Power Revenue Bonds (Power System) due 7/01/2035 (g)

Portfolio Abbreviations

To simplify the listings of MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.'s portfolio holdings in the Schedule of Investments, we have abbreviated the names of many of the securities according to the list at right.

AMT	Alternative Minimum Tax (subject to)
COP	Certificates of Participation
DRIVERS	Derivative Inverse Tax-Exempt Receipts
EDA	Economic Development Authority
GO	General Obligation Bonds
HDA	Housing Development Authority
HFA	Housing Finance Agency
IDA	Industrial Development Authority
IDR	Industrial Development Revenue Bonds
PCR	Pollution Control Revenue Bonds
RIB	Residual Interest Bonds
RITR	Residual Interest Trust Receipts
S/F	Single-Family
VRDN	Variable Rate Demand Notes

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Schedule of Investments (continued)

State	Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
California (concluded)	\$ 4,650	Madera, California, Unified School District, Capital Appreciation, of 2002), 5.23%** due 8/01/2029 (c)
		Napa Valley, California, Community College District, Capital Appreciation (Election of 2002), Series B (i):
	5,000	5.279%** due 8/01/2027
	11,725	5.222%** due 8/01/2028
	4,730	Port of Oakland, California, DRIVERS, AMT, Series 839Z, 7.155% due 11/01/2021 (c) (k)
	145	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, AMT, Series K, 5.75% due 11/01/2021 (c) (k)
	7,000	Port of Oakland, California, Trust Receipts, Revenue Bonds, AMT, CL Series A, 8.183% due 11/01/2021 (c) (k)
	10,000	Riverside County, California, Public Financing Authority, Tax Allocation (Redevelopment Projects), 5% due 10/01/2035 (e)
	15,000	Sacramento County, California, Sanitation District Financing Authority Series A, 5% due 12/01/2035 (a)
	25,000	San Diego County, California, Water Authority, Water Revenue Bonds, due 5/01/2031 (g)
	8,310	Stockton, California, Public Financing Authority, Lease Revenue Bonds (Capital Projects), 5.25% due 9/01/2034 (c)

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District of Columbia--1.4%	15,000	Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, D.C., Airport System Revenue Bonds, AMT, Series A, 5% due 10/01/2035 (i)
Florida--1.7%	3,500	Escambia County, Florida, Health Facilities Authority, Health Facilities (Florida Health Care Facility Loan), 5.95% due 7/01/2020 (a)
	5,375	Miami-Dade County, Florida, Aviation Revenue Bonds, RIB, AMT, Series A, 10/01/2025 (c) (k)
	1,000	Miami-Dade County, Florida, Aviation Revenue Refunding Bonds (Miami-Dade County Airport), AMT, 5.375% due 10/01/2027 (c)
	5,000	Orange County, Florida, Health Facilities Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds (Adventist Health System), 5.625% due 11/15/2032
	2,000	(Orlando Regional Healthcare), 5.75% due 12/01/2032
Georgia--4.6%		Atlanta, Georgia, Airport General Revenue Refunding Bonds (g):
	26,500	AMT, Series A, 5.125% due 1/01/2030
	12,500	Series B, 5.25% due 1/01/2033
		Monroe County, Georgia, Development Authority, PCR, Refunding (Oglethorpe Corporation--Scherer), VRDN (a) (h):
	3,400	Series A, 2.98% due 1/01/2020
	1,700	Series B, 2.98% due 1/01/2020
	2,100	Rockdale County, Georgia, Water and Sewer Authority, Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.25% due 1/01/2033
Hawaii--0.2%	2,000	Hawaii State, GO, Series CX, 5.50% due 2/01/2021 (g)
Illinois--7.8%		Chicago, Illinois, O'Hare International Airport Revenue Bonds, AMT: Series A, 5.25% due 1/01/2027 (i)
	13,115	DRIVERS, Series 368, 8.654% due 7/01/2011 (i) (k)
	8,600	DRIVERS, Series 369, 10.378% due 7/01/2011 (e) (k)
	16,685	Third Lien, Series B-2, 5.25% due 1/01/2027 (i)
		Chicago, Illinois, O'Hare International Airport, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series A, 5.25% due 1/01/2027 (i)
	8,200	DRIVERS, Series 653-Z, 7.654% due 1/01/2012 (g) (k)
	1,500	Third Lien, Series C-2, 5.25% due 1/01/2034 (e)
	10,000	Illinois State, GO, First Series, 5.50% due 4/01/2016 (g)
	2,000	Illinois State Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, 6.125% due 6/15/2016
	6,035	McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, Community Unit, School District, Refunding, 6.375% due 12/01/2016 (g)
	4,800	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Dedicated State Refunding Bonds (McCormick Place Expansion Project), Series B, 5.75% due 1/01/2027 (i)
	1,000	Regional Transportation Authority, Illinois, Revenue Bonds, Series A, 6/01/2020 (c)
Indiana--4.8%	2,250	Indiana Health Facilities Financing Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds (Hospital Obligated Group), Series A, 5.375% due 3/01/2034 (a)
	3,000	Indiana Transportation Finance Authority, Highway Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.25% due 6/01/2026
	14,000	5.25% due 6/01/2028
	20,000	5.25% due 6/01/2029
	8,000	Indianapolis, Indiana, Local Public Improvement Bond Bank Revenue Bonds (Indianapolis Project), Series A, 5.125% due 7/01/2027 (i)

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Schedule of Investments (continued)

State	Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
Kansas--0.9%	\$ 8,500	Burlington, Kansas, PCR, Refunding (Kansas Gas and Electric Company)

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		Series A, 5.30% due 6/01/2031 (i)
Louisiana--1.9%	3,750	Louisiana Local Government, Environmental Facilities, Community Dev Authority Revenue Bonds (Capital Projects and Equipment Acquisition 6.30% due 7/01/2030 (a)
	15,000	Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds (Bat Medical Center Project), 5.25% due 7/01/2033 (d) (i)
Massachusetts--4.9%	2,500	Massachusetts State, HFA, Housing Development Revenue Refunding Bon due 12/01/2028 (i)
	7,550	Massachusetts State Port Authority Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5% due Massachusetts State Special Obligation Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds
	8,460	5.25% due 1/01/2025
	6,160	5.25% due 1/01/2028
	10,000	5.75% due 1/01/2032
	10,000	5% due 1/01/2034
		Massachusetts State Water Resource Authority, General Revenue Refun Series A (i):
	1,500	5% due 8/01/2028
	2,020	5% due 8/01/2029
Michigan--4.2%	9,360	Clarkston, Michigan, Community Schools, GO, 5.25% due 5/01/2029 (g)
	6,500	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Michigan State Strategic Fund, Limited Obligation Revenue Refunding AMT (e) (k):
	2,500	Series 857Z, 7.712% due 3/01/2010
	4,000	Series 858Z, 7.413% due 12/01/2011
	20,000	Wayne County, Michigan, Airport Authority Revenue Bonds (Detroit Me County Airport), AMT, 5% due 12/01/2029 (i)
Minnesota--1.2%	1,250	Chaska, Minnesota, Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds (Generating Fac 5.25% due 10/01/2025
	10,000	Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota, Metropolitan Airports Commis Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.90% due 1/01/2029 (c)
Missouri--0.3%	210	Missouri State Housing Development Commission, S/F Mortgage Revenue Loan), AMT, Series C-1, 7.15% due 3/01/2032 (l)
	2,800	Saint Louis, Missouri, Airport Revenue Bonds (Airport Development P 5.625% due 7/01/2019 (i)
Nevada--10.7%	25,000	Clark County, Nevada, Airport System Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds due 7/01/2030 (c)
	12,675	Clark County, Nevada, IDR (Southwest Gas Corporation Project), AMT: Series A, 5.25% due 7/01/2034 (a)
	12,000	Series D, 5.25% due 3/01/2038 (c)
	6,000	Henderson, Nevada, Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds (Catholic H Series A, 5.625% due 7/01/2024
	5,000	Humboldt County, Nevada, PCR, Refunding (Sierra Pacific Project), 6
	20,375	Nevada State, Nevada Municipal Bond Bank, GO, Series A, 5.50% due 1
	3,130	Reno, Nevada, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, 5.50% due 6/01/201
	15,000	Washoe County, Nevada, Gas Facilities Revenue Bonds (Sierra Pacific 6.65% due 12/01/2017 (a)
	5,000	6.55% due 9/01/2020 (i)
	5,000	Washoe County, Nevada, Water Facility Revenue Bonds (Sierra Pacific AMT, 6.65% due 6/01/2017 (i)
New Jersey--6.6%	16,000	Garden State Preservation Trust of New Jersey, Open Space and Farml Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.75% due 11/01/2028 (g)
		New Jersey EDA, Cigarette Tax Revenue Bonds:
	3,060	5.75% due 6/15/2029
	2,610	5.50% due 6/15/2031
	14,135	5.75% due 6/15/2034

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14,830	New Jersey EDA, Revenue Bonds, DRIVERS, Series 785-Z, 7.196% due 7/01/2028
	New Jersey EDA, School Facilities Construction Revenue Bonds, Series 785-Z, 7.196% due 7/01/2028
5,500	5.25% due 9/01/2028
3,250	5.25% due 9/01/2029
	Newark, New Jersey, Housing Authority, Port Authority-Port Newark Municipal Bonds, Series A, 5.25% due 9/01/2029
	Additional Rent-Backed Revenue Bonds (City of Newark Redevelopment Authority), Series A, 5.50% due 1/01/2027
1,500	5.50% due 1/01/2027
1,380	5.50% due 1/01/2028

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Schedule of Investments (continued)

State	Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
New Mexico--0.2%	\$ 1,605	New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation, Student Loan Revenue Bonds (Student Loan Program), AMT, First Sub-Series A-2, 6.65% due 11/01/2031 (a)
	755	New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, S/F Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series A, 6.95% due 9/01/2031 (1)
New York--20.8%	10,250	Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.25% due 9/01/2029
	12,500	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Commuter Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series B, 5.125% due 7/01/2024 (a) (b)
	17,250	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.25% due 11/15/2033 (a)
	75,000	New York City, New York, City Municipal Water Finance Authority, Water Supply System, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series B, 5% due 6/15/2036 (g)
	13,840	New York City, New York, GO: Series B, 5.875% due 8/01/2016 (i)
	10,000	Series J, 5.25% due 5/15/2024
	1,000	Series J, 5.25% due 5/15/2025
	20,000	Series M, 5% due 4/01/2030
	6,000	Sub-Series C-1, 5.25% due 8/15/2026
	22,500	New York City, New York, Sales Tax Asset Receivable Corporation Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5% due 10/15/2032 (a)
	19,500	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, Thirty-Seventh Series, 5.125% due 7/15/2030 (g)
North Carolina--1.0%	6,500	Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, Airport Authority, Airport Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5% due 5/01/2030 (a)
	3,820	University of North Carolina at Charlotte, COP (Student Housing Program), Series A, 5.25% due 3/01/2031 (a)
Ohio--0.2%	1,500	Franklin County, Ohio, Hospital Improvement Revenue Bonds (Children's Hospital), Series A, 5.50% due 5/01/2028 (a)
Oklahoma--0.8%	7,500	Oklahoma State IDR, Refunding, DRIVERS, Series 455, 8.184% due 2/15/2030
Oregon--3.3%	8,185	Multnomah-Clackamas Counties, Oregon, Gresham-Barlo School District Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.50% due 6/15/2011 (f) (g)
	8,445	Oregon State Department of Administrative Services, COP, Series A, Portland, Oregon, Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series A (c):
	5,000	5.75% due 8/01/2019
	10,000	5.75% due 8/01/2020
Pennsylvania--4.2%	7,800	Pennsylvania State Turnpike Commission, Turnpike Revenue Bonds, Series A, 4.2% due 8/01/2030

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		7.695% due 6/01/2012 (a) (k)
		Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, School District, GO (c):
	5,175	Series B, 5.625% due 8/01/2012 (f)
	12,115	Series D, 5.125% due 6/01/2034
	6,000	Series D, 5.25% due 6/01/2034
	3,500	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Ser
		7/01/2035 (g)
	5,000	Sayre, Pennsylvania, Health Care Facilities Authority, Revenue Bond
		Healthcare System), Series B, 7.125% due 12/01/2031
South	1,435	South Carolina Housing Finance and Development Authority, Mortgage
Carolina--2.3%		Bonds, AMT, Series A-2, 6.35% due 7/01/2019 (g)
	18,030	South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Revenue Bonds, Se
		10/01/2029 (a)
	4,200	Spartanburg County, South Carolina, Solid Waste Disposal Facilities
		(BMW Project), AMT, 7.55% due 11/01/2024
Tennessee--1.7%	1,500	Sevier County, Tennessee, Public Building Authority, Local Governme
		Revenue Bonds, VRDN, Series IV-B11, 3.01% due 6/01/2025 (g) (h)
		Sevier County, Tennessee, Public Building Authority Revenue Bonds,
		Public Improvement IV, VRDN (h):
	1,200	Series B-6, 3.01% due 6/01/2020 (g)
	1,400	Series E-1, 3.01% due 6/01/2030 (a)
	1,300	Series E-4, 3.01% due 6/01/2020 (a)
	1,400	Sevier County, Tennessee, Public Building Authority Revenue Bonds,
		Public Improvement, VRDN, Series IV-1, 3.01% due 6/01/2023 (g) (h)
		Tennessee HDA, Revenue Bonds (Homeownership Program), AMT, Series 2
	1,795	6.05% due 7/01/2012
	2,250	6.15% due 7/01/2014
		Tennessee HDA, Revenue Refunding Bonds (Homeownership Program), AMT
	3,800	5.25% due 7/01/2022
	2,695	5.35% due 1/01/2026

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Schedule of Investments (continued)

State	Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
Texas--12.2%	\$ 8,000	Bell County, Texas, Health Facilities Development Corporation, Hosp
		Bonds (Scott & White Memorial Hospital), VRDN, Series 2001-2, 2.98%
		8/15/2031 (h) (i)
	1,880	Bexar, Texas, Metropolitan Water District, Waterworks System Revenue
		Bonds, 6.35% due 5/01/2025 (i)
	10,500	Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, International Airport Revenue Bonds, DRIV
		Series 353, 7.654% due 5/01/2011 (i) (k)
	7,500	Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, International Airport Revenue Refunding B
		Series 336Z, 9.639% due 11/01/2026 (c) (k)
		Harris County, Houston, Texas, Sports Authority, Revenue Refunding
		Series G (i):
	1,665	5.75% due 11/15/2019
	3,500	5.75% due 11/15/2020
	10,000	5.25% due 11/15/2030
		Houston, Texas, Airport System Revenue Refunding Bonds (g):
	15,000	RIB, Series 845X, 7.73% due 7/01/2030 (k)
	9,500	Sub-Lien, AMT, Series A, 5.70% due 7/01/2030
	11,075	North Central Texas, Health Facility Development Corporation Revenue

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		Hospitals--Dallas), VRDN, Series B, 3.05% due 10/01/2015 (h) (i)
	4,835	Texas State Department of Housing and Community Affairs, S/F Mortgage
		AMT, Series A, 5.45% due 9/01/2023 (i) (l)
	10,000	Texas State Turnpike Authority, Central Texas Turnpike System Revenue
		Series A, 5.50% due 8/15/2039 (a)
	4,000	Texas Technical University, Financing System Revenue Bonds, Seventh
		8/15/2019 (i)
	10,000	Travis County, Texas, Health Facilities Development Corporation, Re
		RITR, Series 4, 8.374% due 11/15/2024 (a) (k)
	11,240	University of Houston, Texas, University Revenue Bonds, 5.50% due 2
Vermont--0.1%	900	Vermont HFA, S/F Housing Revenue Bonds, AMT, Series 12B, 6.30% due
Virginia--0.3%	2,500	Halifax County, Virginia, IDA, Exempt Facility Revenue Refunding Bo
		Electric Cooperative Project), AMT, 5.625% due 6/01/2028 (a)
Washington--17.6%		Bellevue, Washington, GO, Refunding (i):
	2,545	5.25% due 12/01/2026
	2,455	5.25% due 12/01/2027
	2,850	5.25% due 12/01/2028
	3,000	5.25% due 12/01/2029
	17,600	5% due 12/01/2034
	16,150	Central Puget Sound Regional Transportation Authority, Washington,
		Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5% due 11/01/2030 (a)
	3,030	Chelan County, Washington, Public Utility District Number 001, Cons
		Bonds (Chelan Hydro System), AMT, Series A, 5.45% due 7/01/2037 (a)
		Chelan County, Washington, Public Utility District Number 001, Cons
		Refunding Bonds (Chelan Hydro System), AMT (i):
	6,595	Series B, 6.35% due 7/01/2026
	6,000	Series C, 5.65% due 7/01/2032
	10,000	Energy Northwest, Washington, Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds (Pro
		Series B, 6% due 7/01/2017 (i)
	12,385	King County, Washington, Sewer, GO, 5% due 1/01/2030 (c)
	3,500	Port Seattle, Washington, Revenue Bonds, Series A, 5.50% due 2/01/2
	19,565	Port Seattle, Washington, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series B, AMT, 5
	10,000	Radford Court Properties, Washington, Student Housing Revenue Bonds
		6/01/2032 (i)
	1,720	Seattle, Washington, Drain and Wastewater Utility Revenue Bonds, 5.
	2,000	Seattle, Washington, Water System Revenue Bonds, Series B, 6% due 7
		Skagit County, Washington, Public Hospital District, GO, Series A (
	4,945	5.25% due 12/01/2025
	5,450	5.25% due 12/01/2026
	7,250	Tacoma, Washington, Solid Waste Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds, Se
		12/01/2019 (a)
	2,000	University of Washington, University Revenue Bonds (Student Facilit
		due 6/01/2025 (g)
		Washington State, GO:
	10,000	DRIVERS, Series 438Z, 7.935% due 1/01/2009 (i) (k)
	15,930	Series B, 6% due 1/01/2010 (f) (g)
	7,000	Washington State Health Care Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (Pr
		System), Series A, 5.25% due 10/01/2021 (i)

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Schedule of Investments (concluded)

State	Face Amount	Municipal Bonds
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West Virginia--0.6%	\$ 5,925	Harrison County, West Virginia, County Commission for Solid Waste Bonds (Monongahela Power), AMT, Series C, 6.75% due 8/01/2024 (a)
Wisconsin--0.3%	3,395	Wisconsin State Health and Educational Facilities Authority Revenue (Synergyhealth Inc.), 6% due 11/15/2032
Puerto Rico--1.1%	11,000	Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority, Government Facilities, Revenue Bonds, Series I, 5.25% due 7/01/2029

Total Investments (Cost--\$1,551,067*)--155.1%
 Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets--(1.2%)
 Preferred Stock, at Redemption Value--(53.9%)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock--100.0%

* The cost and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments as of April 30, 2005, as computed for federal income tax purposes, were as follows:

	(in Thousands)
Aggregate cost	\$ 1,551,039
	=====
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 89,307
Gross unrealized depreciation	(280)

Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 89,027
	=====

** Represents a zero coupon bond; the interest rate shown reflects the effective yield at the time of purchase by the Fund.

- (a) AMBAC Insured.
- (b) Escrowed to maturity.
- (c) FGIC Insured.
- (d) FHA Insured.
- (e) XL Capital Insured.
- (f) Prerefunded.
- (g) FSA Insured.
- (h) Security may have a maturity of more than one year at time of issuance, but has variable rate and demand features which qualify it as a short-term security. The rate disclosed is that currently in effect. This rate changes periodically based upon prevailing market rates.
- (i) MBIA Insured.
- (j) FNMA Collateralized.
- (k) The rate disclosed is that currently in effect. This rate changes periodically and inversely based upon prevailing market rates.
- (l) FNMA/GNMA Collateralized.

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Investments in companies considered to be an affiliate of the Fund (such companies are defined as "Affiliated Companies" in Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940) were as follows:

(in Thousands)		
Affiliate	Net Activity	Dividend Income
Merrill Lynch Institutional Tax-Exempt Fund	(131)	---++

++ Amount is less than \$1,000.

Forward interest rate swaps outstanding as of April 30, 2005 were as follows:

(in Thousands)		
	Notional Amount	Unrealized Depreciation
Receive a variable rate equal to a 7-Day Bond Market Association Municipal Swap Index Rate and pay a fixed rate equal to 3.76%		
Broker, Morgan Stanley Capital Services, Inc. Expires June 2015	\$ 26,600	\$ (341)
Receive a variable rate based on 3-month USD LIBOR and pay a fixed rate equal to 5.066%		
Broker, Morgan Stanley Capital Services, Inc. Expires July 2015	\$ 70,000	(2,320)
Receive a variable rate equal to a 7-day Bond Market Association Municipal Swap Index Rate and pay a fixed rate equal to 3.702%		
Broker, JPMorgan Chase Bank Expires July 2015	\$226,000	(1,464)
Receive a variable rate equal to a 7-Day Bond Market Association Municipal Swap Index Rate and pay a fixed rate equal to 3.971%		
Broker, JPMorgan Chase Bank Expires August 2026	\$ 15,555	(45)
Total		----- \$ (4,170) =====

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MUNIYIELD INSURED FUND, INC., APRIL 30, 2005

Statement of Net Assets

As of April 30, 2005

Assets

Investments in unaffiliated securities, at value (cost--\$1,551,067,210)
Cash
Receivables:
 Interest
 Securities sold

Prepaid expenses

Total assets

Liabilities

Unrealized depreciation on forward interest rate swaps
Payables:
 Securities purchased
 Dividends to Common Stock shareholders
 Investment adviser
 Other affiliates

Accrued expenses and other liabilities

Total liabilities

Preferred Stock

Preferred Stock, at redemption value, par value \$.10 per share (2,200 Series A Shares, 2,200 Series B Shares, 2,200 Series C Shares, 2,200 Series D Shares, 4,000 Series E Shares, 2,400 Series F Shares, 2,400 Series G Shares, 2,600 Series H Shares and 2,600 Series I Shares of AMPS* authorized, issued and outstanding at \$25,000 per share liquidation preference)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock

Net assets applicable to Common Stock

Analysis of Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock

Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share (67,303,125 shares issued and outstanding)
Paid-in capital in excess of par
Undistributed investment income--net
Undistributed unrealized capital gains--net
Unrealized appreciation--net

Total accumulated earnings--net

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Total--Equivalent to \$15.72 net asset value per share of Common Stock
(market price--\$14.56)

* Auction Market Preferred Stock.

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Statement of Operations

For the Six Months Ended April 30, 2005

Investment Income

Interest
Dividends from affiliates

Total income

Expenses

Investment advisory fees
Commission fees
Accounting services
Transfer agent fees
Custodian fees
Professional fees
Directors' fees and expenses
Listing fees
Printing and shareholder reports
Pricing fees
Other

Total expenses before reimbursement
Reimbursement of expenses

Total expenses after reimbursement

Investment income--net

Realized & Unrealized Gain (Loss)--Net

Realized gain on:
Investments--net
Forward interest rate swaps--net

Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on:
Investments--net
Forward interest rate swaps--net

Total realized and unrealized gain--net

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Dividends & Distributions to Preferred Stock Shareholders

Investment income--net

Realized gain--net

Total dividends and distributions to Preferred Stock shareholders

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations

See Notes to Financial Statements.

MUNIYIELD INSURED FUND, INC., APRIL 30, 2005

Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets:

Operations

Investment income--net

Realized gain--net

Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation--net

Dividends and distributions to Preferred Stock shareholders

Net increase in net assets resulting from operations

Dividends & Distributions to Common Stock Shareholders

Investment income--net

Realized gains--net

Net decrease in net assets resulting from dividends and distributions to
Common Stock shareholders

Common Stock Transactions

Offering and underwriting costs resulting from issuance of Preferred Stock

Proceeds from issuance of Common Stock resulting from reorganization

Net increase in net assets resulting from Common Stock transactions

Net Assets Applicable to Common Stock

Total increase in net assets applicable to Common Stock

Beginning of period

End of period*

* Undistributed investment income--net

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Financial Highlights

The following per share data and ratios have been derived from information provided in the financial statements.

For the Six
Months Ended
April 30,
2005

For the
2004

Per Share Operating Performance

	2005	2004	
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 15.59	\$ 15.36	\$
Investment income--net	.52+++	1.04+++	1
Realized and unrealized gain (loss)--net	.17	.25	
Less dividends and distributions to Preferred Stock shareholders:			
Investment income--net	(.07)	(.07)	
Realized gain--net	--++	--	
Total from investment operations	.62	1.22	
Less dividends and distributions to Common Stock shareholders:			
Investment income--net	(.48)	(.97)	
Realized gain--net	(.01)	--	
Total dividends and distributions to Common Stock shareholders	(.49)	(.97)	
Offering costs resulting from the issuance of Preferred Stock	--	(.02)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 15.72	\$ 15.59	\$
Market price per share, end of period	\$ 14.56	\$ 14.57	\$

Total Investment Return**

Based on net asset value per share	4.34%++++	8.52%	
Based on market price per share	3.40%++++	7.36%	

Ratios Based on Average Net Assets of Common Stock

Total expenses, net of reimbursement***	1.00%*	.95%	
Total expenses***	1.00%*	.95%	
Total investment income--net***	6.74%*	6.77%	
Amount of dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders	.95%*	.51%	
Investment income--net, to Common Stock			

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shareholders	5.79%*	6.26%
	=====	=====

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Financial Highlights (concluded)

The following per share data and ratios have been derived from information provided in the financial statements.

	For the Six Months Ended April 30, 2005	2004	For the 2005
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Ratios Based on Average Net Assets of Preferred Stock

Dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders	1.76%*	1.08%	
	=====	=====	=====

Supplemental Data

Net assets applicable to Common Stock, end of period (in thousands)	\$1,057,689	\$1,049,423	\$ 9
	=====	=====	=====
Preferred Stock outstanding, end of period (in thousands)	\$ 570,000	\$ 570,000	\$ 4
	=====	=====	=====
Portfolio turnover	63.25%	144.40%	1
	=====	=====	=====

Leverage

Asset coverage per \$1,000	\$ 2,856	\$ 2,841	\$
	=====	=====	=====

Dividends Per Share on Preferred Stock Outstanding

Series A--Investment income--net	\$ 191	\$ 272	\$
	=====	=====	=====
Series B--Investment income--net	\$ 200	\$ 283	\$
	=====	=====	=====
Series C--Investment income--net	\$ 228	\$ 251	\$
	=====	=====	=====
Series D--Investment income--net	\$ 236	\$ 264	\$
	=====	=====	=====
Series E--Investment income--net	\$ 220	\$ 259	\$
	=====	=====	=====
Series F--Investment income--net	\$ 204	\$ 271	\$
	=====	=====	=====
Series G--Investment income--net	\$ 224	\$ 269	\$
	=====	=====	=====
Series H++++--Investment income--net	\$ 230	\$ 63	\$
	=====	=====	=====
Series I++++--Investment income--net	\$ 230	\$ 65	\$
	=====	=====	=====

* Annualized.

** Total investment returns based on market value, which can be significantly greater than the net asset value, may result in substantially different returns. Total investment

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the effects of sales charges.

*** Do not reflect the effect of dividends to Preferred Stock shareholders.

++ Amount is less than \$(.01) per share.

++++ Series H and Series I were issued on August 23, 2004.

+++ Based on average shares outstanding.

+++++ Aggregate total investment return.

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Notes to Financial Statements

1. Significant Accounting Policies:

MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which may require the use of management accruals and estimates. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These unaudited financial statements reflect all adjustments, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present a fair statement of the results for the interim period. All such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. The Fund determines and makes available for publication the net asset value of its Common Stock on a daily basis. The Fund's Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol MYI. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund.

(a) Valuation of investments--Municipal bonds are traded primarily in the over-the-counter ("OTC") markets and are valued at the last available bid price in the OTC market or on the basis of values as obtained by a pricing service. Pricing services use valuation matrixes that incorporate both dealer-supplied valuations and valuation models. The procedures of the pricing service and its valuations are reviewed by the officers of the Fund under the general direction of the Board of Directors. Such valuations and procedures are reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors of the Fund. Financial futures contracts and options thereon, which are traded on exchanges, are valued at their closing prices as of the close of such exchanges. Options written or purchased are valued at the last sale price in the case of exchange-traded options. In the case of options traded in the OTC market, valuation is the last asked price (options written) or the last bid price (options purchased). Swap agreements are valued by quoted fair values received daily by the Fund's pricing service. Short-term investments with a remaining maturity of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value, under which method the investment is valued at cost and any premium or discount is amortized on a straight line basis to maturity. Investments in open-end investment companies are valued at their net asset value each business day. Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Fund.

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(b) Derivative financial instruments--The Fund may engage in various portfolio investment strategies both to increase the return of the Fund and to hedge, or protect, its exposure to interest rate movements and movements in the securities markets. Losses may arise due to changes in the value of the contract or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract.

* Financial futures contracts--The Fund may purchase or sell financial futures contracts and options on such futures contracts. Futures contracts are contracts for delayed delivery of securities at a specific future date and at a specific price or yield. Upon entering into a contract, the Fund deposits and maintains as collateral such initial margin as required by the exchange on which the transaction is effected. Pursuant to the contract, the Fund agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin and are recorded by the Fund as unrealized gains or losses. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

* Options--The Fund may write covered call options and purchase put options. When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is reflected as an asset and an equivalent liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current market value of the option written. When a security is purchased or sold through an exercise of an option, the related premium paid (or received) is added to (or deducted from) the basis of the security acquired, or deducted from (or added to) the proceeds of the security sold. When an option expires (or the Fund enters into a closing transaction), the Fund realizes a gain or loss on the option to the extent of the premiums received or paid (or gain or loss to the extent the cost of the closing transaction exceeds the premium paid or received).

Written and purchased options are non-income producing investments.

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* Forward interest rate swaps--The Fund may enter into forward interest rate swaps. In a forward interest rate swap, the Fund and the counterparty agree to make periodic net payments on a specified notional contract amount, commencing on a specified future effective date, unless terminated earlier. When the agreement is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss in an amount equal to the value of the agreement.

(c) Income taxes--It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

(d) Security transactions and investment income--Security transactions are recorded on the dates the transactions are entered into (the trade dates). Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend dates. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis. The Fund amortizes all premiums and discounts on debt securities.

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(e) Dividends and distributions--Dividends from net investment income are declared and paid monthly. Distributions of capital gains are recorded on the ex-dividend dates.

(f) Offering costs--Direct expenses relating to the public offering of the Fund's Preferred Stock were charged to capital at the time of issuance of the stock.

2. Investment Advisory Agreement and Transactions with Affiliates:

The Fund has entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement with Fund Asset Management, L.P. ("FAM"). The general partner of FAM is Princeton Services, Inc. ("PSI"), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML & Co."), which is the limited partner.

FAM is responsible for the management of the Fund's portfolio and provides the necessary personnel, facilities, equipment and certain other services necessary to the operations of the Fund. For such services, the Fund pays a monthly fee at an annual rate of .50% of the Fund's average weekly net assets, including proceeds from the issuance of Preferred Stock. The Investment Adviser has agreed to reimburse its management fee by the amount of the management fees the Fund pays to FAM indirectly through its investment in the Merrill Lynch Institutional Tax-Exempt Fund. For the six months ended April 30, 2005, FAM reimbursed the Fund in the amount of \$52.

In addition, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S"), an affiliate of FAM, received \$17,100 in commissions on the execution of portfolio security transactions for the Fund for the six months ended April 30, 2005.

For the six months ended April 30, 2005, the Fund reimbursed FAM \$17,363 for certain accounting services.

Certain officers and/or directors of the Fund are officers and/or directors of FAM, PSI, and/or ML & Co.

3. Investments:

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding short-term securities, for the six months ended April 30, 2005 were \$1,002,613,151 and \$1,014,741,139, respectively.

4. Capital Stock Transactions:

The Fund is authorized to issue 200,000,000 shares of stock, including Preferred Stock, par value \$.10 per share, all of which were initially classified as Common Stock. The Board of Directors is authorized, however, to reclassify any unissued shares of capital stock without approval of the holders of Common Stock.

Common Stock

Shares issued and outstanding during the six months ended April 30, 2005 remained constant and for the year ended October 31, 2004 increased by 5,204,029 as a result of issuance of Common Stock from reorganization.

Preferred Stock

Auction Market Preferred Stock are redeemable shares of Preferred Stock of the Fund, with a par value of \$.10 per share and a liquidation preference

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of \$25,000 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, that entitle their holders to receive cash dividends at an annual rate that may vary for the successive dividend periods. The yields in effect at April 30, 2005 were as follows: Series A, 2.25%; Series B, 2.45%; Series C, 2.41%; Series D, 2.65%; Series E, 2.63%; Series F, 2.40%; Series G, 2.45%; Series H, 2.80%; and Series I, 2.55%.

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Shares issued and outstanding for the six months ended April 30, 2005 remained constant. Shares issued and outstanding for the year ended October 31, 2004 increased by 5,200 shares from the issuance of two additional series of Preferred Stock.

The Fund pays commissions to certain broker-dealers at the end of each auction at an annual rate ranging from .25% to .375%, calculated on the proceeds of each auction. For the six months ended April 30, 2005, MLPF&S earned \$410,056 as commissions.

5. Subsequent Event:

The Fund paid a tax-exempt income dividend to holders of Common Stock in the amount of \$.080000 per share on May 27, 2005 to shareholders of record on May 13, 2005.

Dividend Policy

The Fund's dividend policy is to distribute all or a portion of its net investment income to its shareholders on a monthly basis. In order to provide shareholders with a more stable level of dividend distributions, the Fund may at times pay out less than the entire amount of net investment income earned in any particular month and may at times in any particular month pay out such accumulated but undistributed income in addition to net investment income earned in that month. As a result, the dividends paid by the Fund for any particular month may be more or less than the amount of net investment income earned by the Fund during such month. The Fund's current accumulated but undistributed net investment income, if any, is disclosed in the Statement of Net Assets, which comprises part of the financial information included in this report.

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Officers and Directors

Robert C. Doll, Jr., President and Director
James H. Bodurtha, Director
Joe Grills, Director

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Effective January 1, 2005, Terry K. Glenn retired as President and Director of MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc. The Fund's Board of Directors wishes Mr. Glenn well in his retirement.

Effective January 1, 2005, Robert C. Doll, Jr. became President and Director of the Fund.

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Availability of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available on the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Fund's Forms N-Q may also be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

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Electronic Delivery

The Fund offers electronic delivery of communications to its shareholders. In order to receive this service, you must register your account and provide us with e-mail information. To sign up for this service, simply access this Web site at <http://www.icsdelivery.com/live> and follow the instructions. When you visit this site, you will obtain a personal identification number (PIN). You will need this PIN should you wish to update your e-mail address, choose to discontinue this service and/or make any other changes to the service. This service is not available for certain retirement accounts at this time.

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- Item 2 - Code of Ethics - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 3 - Audit Committee Financial Expert - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 4 - Principal Accountant Fees and Services - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 5 - Audit Committee of Listed Registrants - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 6 - Schedule of Investments - Not Applicable
- Item 7 - Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 8 - Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report
- Item 9 - Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers - Not Applicable
- Item 10 - Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders - Not Applicable
- Item 11 - Controls and Procedures
- 11(a) - The registrant's certifying officers have reasonably designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure material information relating to the registrant is made known to us by others particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared. The registrant's certifying officers have determined that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective based on our evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report.
- 11(b) - There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the last fiscal half-year of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

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Item 12 - Exhibits attached hereto

12(a) (1) - Code of Ethics - Not Applicable to this semi-annual report

12(a) (2) - Certifications - Attached hereto

12(a) (3) - Not Applicable

12(b) - Certifications - Attached hereto

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.

MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.

By: /s/ Robert C. Doll, Jr.

Robert C. Doll, Jr.,
Chief Executive Officer of
MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.

Date: June 20, 2005

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: /s/ Robert C. Doll, Jr.

Robert C. Doll, Jr.,
Chief Executive Officer of
MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.

Date: June 20, 2005

By: /s/ Donald C. Burke

Donald C. Burke,
Chief Financial Officer of
MuniYield Insured Fund, Inc.

Date: June 20, 2005