

DREYFUS HIGH YIELD STRATEGIES FUND  
Form N-Q  
August 12, 2005  
**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-8703

Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

c/o The Dreyfus Corporation  
200 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10166  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: 3/31  
Date of reporting period: 6/30/05

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments.**

**DREYFUS HIGH YIELD STRATEGIES FUND**  
**Statement of Investments**  
**June 30, 2005 (Unaudited)**

	<b>Principal Amount a</b>		<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>Bonds and Notes - 129.2 %</b>			
<b>Advertising - .4%</b>			
RH Donnelley Financial:			
Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 2010	660,000	b,c	724,350
Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.875%, 2012	551,000	b,c	643,292

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			<b>1,367,642</b>
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense - 1.5%</b>			
Argo-Tech,			
Sr. Notes, 9.25%, 2011	1,182,000		1,288,380
BE Aerospace,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 8.875%, 2011	1,239,000	c	1,300,950
DRS Technologies,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 6.875%, 2013	438,000		455,520
Transdigm,			
Sr. Sub Notes, 8.375%, 2011	1,955,000		2,082,075
			<b>5,126,925</b>
<b>Agricultural - .4%</b>			
Alliance One International,			
Notes, 11%, 2012	1,430,000	b,c	<b>1,480,050</b>
<b>Airlines - 1.3%</b>			
AMR,			
Debs., 9.75%, 2021	2,400,000	c	1,608,000
Northwest Airlines:			
Pass-Through Cdfs., Ser. 1996-1, 7.67%, 2015	1,619,722	c	1,214,557
Sr. Notes, 10%, 2009	1,920,000	c	844,800
United AirLines,			
Enhanced Pass-Through Cdfs., Ser. 1997-1A, 1.391%, 2049	668,434	d	646,746
			<b>4,314,103</b>
<b>Auto Manufacturing - .4%</b>			
Navistar International,			
Sr. Notes, 7.5%, 2011	1,292,000	c	<b>1,324,300</b>
<b>Auto Trucks &amp; Parts - 3.1%</b>			
Airxcel,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 11%, 2007	2,959,000	c	2,944,205
Goodyear Tire & Rubber,			
Sr. Notes, 9%, 2015	4,000,000	b	3,950,000
HLI Operating,			
Sr. Notes, 10.5%, 2010	278,000	c	273,830
Polypore,			
Sr. Discount Notes, 0/10.50%, 2012	2,003,000	b,e	1,101,650
United Components,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.375%, 2013	675,000	c	683,437
Visteon,			
Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 2010	1,475,000		1,371,750
			<b>10,324,872</b>
<b>Banking - 1.3%</b>			
Chevy Chase Bank FSB,			
Sub. Notes, 6.875%, 2013	3,000,000	c	3,112,500
Colonial Bank Montgomery Alabama,			
Sub. Notes, 9.375%, 2011	1,000,000		1,192,022
			<b>4,304,522</b>
<b>Building &amp; Construction - 3.2%</b>			
Asia Aluminum,			

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Secured Notes, 8%, 2011 Beazer Homes USA,	355,000	b	350,562
Sr. Notes, 6.875%, 2015 Compression Polymers,	2,000,000	b,c	1,990,000
Sr. Notes, 10.5%, 2013 Goodman Global:	1,325,000	b	1,325,000
Sr. Notes, 6.41%, 2012	365,000	b,d	361,350
Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.875%, 2012 Nortek,	438,000	b	407,340
Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.5%, 2014 Owens Corning,	1,319,000		1,233,265
Debs., 7.5%, 2018	2,826,000	f	2,087,708
Texas Industries, Sr. Notes, 7.25%, 2013	250,000	b	256,250
WCI Communities, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.625%, 2011	2,370,000	c	2,571,450
			<b>10,582,925</b>

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**Chemicals - 5.0%**

Airgas, Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.125%, 2011	120,000		130,200
Huntsman: Sr. Notes, 9.875%, 2009	438,000		470,850
Sr. Secured Notes, 11.625%, 2010	909,000	c	1,069,211
Huntsman ICI Chemicals, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.125%, 2009	3,516,000	c	3,634,665
Nalco, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.875%, 2013	4,508,000	c	4,857,370
PQ, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.5%, 2013	250,000	b	246,875
Rhodia, Sr. Notes, 10.25%, 2010	4,454,000	c	4,799,185
Rockwood Specialties, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.625%, 2011	1,380,000	c	1,528,350
			<b>16,736,706</b>

**Commercial Services - 1.3%**

Brickman, Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 11.75%, 2009	888,000	c	1,010,100
Corrections Corp of America, Sr. Notes, 6.25%, 2013	2,475,000	c	2,468,812
Service Corp International, Sr. Notes, 7%, 2017	660,000	b	681,450
			<b>4,160,362</b>

**Consumer Products - 1.6%**

Ames True Temper, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10%, 2012	1,290,000		1,044,900
Amscan,			

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Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.75%, 2014 Playtex Products,	1,669,000	c	1,535,480
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.375%, 2011 Rayovac,	2,264,000	c	2,394,180
Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.5%, 2013	465,000		488,250
			<b>5,462,810</b>

**Diversified Financial Service - 7.0%**

BCP Crystal US, Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.625%, 2014	2,280,000	c	2,565,000
Consolidated Communications Illinois/Texas, Sr. Notes, 9.75%, 2012	1,150,000	b	1,210,375
FINOVA, Notes, 7.5%, 2009	2,435,120	c	1,095,804
Ford Motor Credit: Notes, 4.21813%, 2006	4,500,000	c,d	4,462,151
Notes, 7.375%, 2009	1,650,000		1,613,819
Glencore Funding, Notes, 6%, 2014	1,150,000	b	1,104,576
GMAC: Notes, 7.75%, 2010	3,435,000		3,361,010
Sr. Notes, 5.375%, 2011	1,140,000		1,238,616
K&F Acquisition, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.75%, 2014	560,000		575,400
Kansas City Southern Railway, Sr. Notes, 9.5%, 2008	1,090,000		1,193,550
Residential Capital: Notes, 6.375%, 2010	3,040,000	b	3,057,851
Notes, 6.875%, 2015	800,000	b	821,984
Stena, Sr. Notes, 7.5%, 2013	1,170,000		1,158,300
			<b>23,458,436</b>

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**Electric Utilities - 13.2%**

AES, Sr. Notes, 9.375%, 2010	7,110,000	c	8,087,625
Allegheny Energy Statutory Trust, Secured Notes, 10.25%, 2007	4,965,999		5,495,250
Allegheny Energy Supply: Bonds, 8.25%, 2012	5,929,000	b,c	6,670,125
Notes, 7.8%, 2011	840,000		919,800
CMS Energy, Sr. Notes, 9.875%, 2007	2,442,000	c	2,673,990
Calpine Generating, Secured Notes, 12.39%, 2011	216,000	c,d	197,640
FPL Energy National Wind, Notes, 6.125%, 2019	800,000	b	778,187
Mirant,			

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Sr. Notes, 7.4%, 2004 NRG Energy,	1,558,000	b,f	1,269,770
Sr. Secured Notes, 8%, 2013 Nevada Power:	2,300,000	b	2,438,000
First Mortgage, 6.50%, 2012	478,000	c	501,900
Mortgage, Bonds Ser. A, 8.25%, 2011	1,091,000		1,235,558
Notes, Ser. E, 10.875%, 2009	977,000		1,096,682
Reliant Energy:			
Sr. Secured, Notes, 9.25%, 2010	4,913,000	c	5,379,735
Sr. Secured Notes, 9.5%, 2013	1,480,000		1,650,200
Sierra Pacific Power,			
Mortgage Notes, 6.25%, 2012	425,000		438,813
Sierra Pacific Resources,			
Sr. Notes, 8.625%, 2014	1,932,000	c	2,144,520
TECO Energy,			
Sr. Notes, 6.75%, 2015	525,000	b	559,125
TXU,			
Notes, 5.55%, 2014	2,225,000	b	2,169,055
Tenaska Alabama Partners,			
Sr. Secured Notes, 7%, 2021	300,000	b	305,250
			<b>44,011,225</b>
<b>Electrical &amp; Electronics - 2.1%</b>			
Dresser,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.375%, 2011	1,950,000	c	2,062,125
Fisher Scientific International:			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 6.125%, 2015	1,350,000	b	1,358,438
Sr. Sub. Notes, 8%, 2013	2,322,000	c	2,664,495
Imax,			
Sr. Notes, 9.625%, 2010	919,000	c	969,545
			<b>7,054,603</b>
<b>Entertainment - 3.1%</b>			
Argosy Gaming,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9%, 2011	1,501,000	c	1,649,224
Cinemark:			
Sr. Discount Notes, 0/9.75%, 2014	1,335,000	e	894,450
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9%, 2013	90,000		92,925
Intrawest,			
Sr. Notes, 7.5%, 2013	133,000		137,156
Isle of Capri Casinos,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9%, 2012	1,878,000		2,051,715
Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority:			
Sr. Notes, 6.125%, 2013	2,225,000	b	2,258,375
Sr. Sub. Notes, 6.375%, 2009	1,800,000	c	1,845,000
Penn National Gaming,			
Sr. Sub. Notes, 6.75%, 2015	540,000	b	538,650
Seneca Gaming,			
Sr. Notes, 7.25%, 2012	875,000	b	908,906
			<b>10,376,401</b>

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**Environmental Control - 3.5%**

Allied Waste:

Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 8.5%, 2008	9,009,000	c	9,493,234
Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 9.25%, 2012	1,215,000	c	1,318,275
Geo Sub,			
Sr. Notes, 11%, 2012	840,000	c	848,400
			<b>11,659,909</b>

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**Food & Beverages - 3.0%**

Agrilink Foods,

Sr. Sub. Notes, 11.875%, 2008	225,000	c	233,719
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Corn Products International:

Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 2007	863,000		926,612
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Sr. Notes, 8.45%, 2009	863,000		972,441
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Del Monte,

Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.625%, 2012	1,879,000	c	2,076,295
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Dole Food:

Debs., 8.75%, 2013	665,000	c	723,187
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Sr. Notes, 8.625%, 2009	702,000	c	751,140
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Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 2011	475,000	c	509,438
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Ingles Markets,

Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.875%, 2011	395,000		403,394
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Pinnacle Foods,

Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.25%, 2013	1,080,000		972,000
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Stater Brothers,

Sr. Notes, 8.125%, 2012	2,375,000		2,327,500
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**9,895,726**

**Gaming & Lodging - 7.4%**

Chumash Casino & Resort Enterprise,

Sr. Notes, 9.26%, 2010	610,000	b	663,375
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Gaylord Entertainment,

Sr. Notes, 8%, 2013	200,000		211,250
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Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino,

Sr. Notes, 12%, 2010	2,548,000	c	2,955,680
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Kerzner International,

Notes, 8.875%, 2011	1,311,000	c	1,409,325
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MGM Mirage,

Notes, 8.5%, 2010	2,858,000	c	3,186,670
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Mandalay Resort,

Sr. Notes, 6.5%, 2009	1,825,000	c	1,875,187
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Park Place Entertainment:

Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.875%, 2010	1,140,000	c	1,282,500
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Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.875%, 2008	1,848,000	c	2,067,450
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Resorts International Hotel and Casino,

First Mortgage, 11.5%, 2009	4,752,000	c	5,435,100
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Trump Entertainment Resorts,

Notes, 8.5%, 2015	3,503,000	c	3,437,319
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Turning Stone Casino Entertainment, Sr. Notes, 9.125%, 2010	690,000	b,c	733,125
Wynn Las Vegas Capital, First Mortgage Notes, 6.625%, 2014	1,331,000	b	1,301,053
			<b>24,558,034</b>
<b>Health Care - 6.0%</b>			
Beverly Enterprises, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.875%, 2014	860,000		941,700
Coventry Health Care, Sr. Notes, 8.125%, 2012	505,000		547,925
DaVita, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.25%, 2015	1,225,000	b	1,264,813
Extencicare Health Services, Sr. Notes, 9.5%, 2010	791,000	c	858,235
Hanger Orthopedic, Sr. Notes, 10.375%, 2009	2,704,000	c	2,507,960
Healthsouth: Notes, 7.625%, 2012	1,400,000		1,365,000
Sr. Notes, 8.375%, 2011	1,400,000		1,396,500
Psychiatric Solutions, Sr. Sub Notes, 7.75%, 2015	275,000	b	275,000
Tenet Healthcare, Sr. Notes, 9.875%, 2014	7,346,000	c	7,915,315
Triad Hospitals, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7%, 2013	2,918,000		3,012,835
			<b>20,085,283</b>
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<b>Machinery - 2.8%</b>			
Case New Holland, Sr. Notes, 9.25%, 2011	3,595,000	b,c	3,792,725
Douglas Dynamics, Sr. Notes, 7.75%, 2012	3,100,000	b,c	3,053,500
Terex, Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 10.375%, 2011	2,250,000	c	2,452,500
			<b>9,298,725</b>
<b>Manufacturing - 1.3%</b>			
Bombardier, Notes, 6.3%, 2014	1,275,000	b	1,160,250
JB Poindexter & Co, Sr. Notes, 8.75%, 2014	2,259,000	c	2,066,985
Polypore, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.75%, 2012	1,044,000	c	981,360
			<b>4,208,595</b>
<b>Media - 10.4%</b>			
Adelphia Communications, Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 7.75%, 2009	1,550,000	f	1,348,500
American Media Operation,			

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Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 10.25%, 2009 CBD Media,	1,045,000	c	1,050,225
Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.625%, 2011 CSC Holdings:	200,000		207,000
Sr. Notes, 6.75%, 2012	2,855,000	b,c	2,697,975
Sr. Notes, Ser.B, 8.125%, 2009 Cablevision Systems,	1,150,000	c	1,170,125
Sr. Notes, Ser. B, 7.89%, 2009 Charter Communications Holdings:	850,000	d	856,375
Sr. Discount Notes, 0/11.75%, 2011	1,800,000	c,e	1,201,500
Sr. Notes, 8.75%, 2013 Dex Media East Finance:	4,546,000	c	4,500,540
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 9.875%, 2009	178,000		197,135
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 12.125%, 2012 Dex Media West/Finance,	2,060,000	c	2,477,150
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 9.875%, 2013 Entercom Radio Capital,	4,165,000	c	4,768,925
Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.625%, 2014 Gray Television,	425,000		445,188
Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.25%, 2011 Kabel Deutschland,	450,000	c	490,500
Sr. Notes, 10.625%, 2014 LBI Media,	1,268,000	b	1,382,120
Sr. Discount Notes, 0/11%, 2013 Lodgenet Entertainment,	1,392,000	c,e	1,038,780
Sr. Sub. Deb., 9.5%, 2013 Nexstar Finance:	419,000	c	458,805
Sr. Sub. Notes, 7%, 2014	2,993,000	c	2,787,231
Sr. Discount Notes, 0/11.375%, 2013 Pegasus Communications,	2,245,000	c,e	1,697,781
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 12.5%, 2007 Radio One,	2,898,000	c,f	1,604,768
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 8.875%, 2011 Salem Communications,	1,435,000		1,548,006
Sr. Sub. Notes, Ser. B, 9%, 2011 Young Broadcasting,	2,121,000		2,295,982
Sr. Sub. Notes, 10%, 2011	435,000		415,425
			<b>34,640,036</b>

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**Mining & Metals - 1.5%**

CSN Islands VIII,			
Sr. Notes, 10%, 2015	1,315,000	b	1,426,775
Consol Energy, Notes, 7.875%, 2012	3,182,000	c	3,468,380
			<b>4,895,155</b>

**Oil & Gas - 10.0%**

Coastal:



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Notes, 7.75%, 2010	3,942,000	c	4,040,550
Notes, 7.625%, 2008	3,893,000	c	4,000,057
Sr. Deb., 6.5%, 2008	862,000	c	859,845
Colorado Interstate Gas, Sr. Notes, 5.95%, 2015	460,000	b	455,806
El Paso Production, Sr. Notes, 7.75%, 2013	2,321,000		2,489,272
Hanover Compressor: Sr. Notes, 9%, 2014	1,263,000	c	1,351,410
Sr. Sub Notes, 8.625%, 2010	921,000	c	978,563
Hanover Equipment Trust, Sr. Secured Notes, Ser. B, 8.75%, 2011	3,912,000	c	4,176,060
McMoRan Exploration: Sr. Notes, 5.25%, 2011	891,000	b	1,186,144
Sr. Notes, 6%, 2008	4,497,000	c	6,717,394
Petroleum Geo-Services, Notes, 10%, 2010	2,630,000		2,958,750
Pogo Producing, Sr. Sub. Notes, 6.625%, 2015	1,875,000	b	1,945,313
Whiting Petroleum, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.25%, 2013	2,225,000		2,280,625
			<b>33,439,789</b>
<b>Packaging &amp; Containers - 5.1%</b>			
Berry Plastics, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.75%, 2012	825,000		904,406
Crown European, Sr. Secured Notes, 9.5%, 2011	3,415,000	c	3,790,650
Jefferson Smurfit, Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 2012	1,026,000		1,036,260
Owens-Brockway: Sr. Notes, 6.75%, 2014	445,000		452,231
Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 2013	450,000	c	491,062
Sr. Secured Notes, 7.75%, 2011	900,000	c	960,750
Sr. Secured Notes, 8.75%, 2012	133,000		147,298
Sr. Secured Notes, 8.875%, 2009	1,000,000	c	1,067,500
Owens-Illinois: Debs., 7.5%, 2010	900,000		949,500
Debs., 7.8%, 2018	1,635,000		1,724,925
Pliant, Sr. Secured Discount Notes, 0/11.125%, 2009	1,437,000	c,e	1,271,745
Solo Cup, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.5%, 2014	800,000		752,000
Stone Container: Sr. Notes, 8.375%, 2012	662,000	c	671,930
Sr. Notes, 9.75%, 2011	2,525,000	c	2,682,813
			<b>16,903,070</b>

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**Paper & Forest Products - 4.2%**

Appleton Papers, Sr. Sub Notes, 9.75%, 2014	2,709,000	c	2,627,730
Buckeye Technologies: Sr. Notes, 8.5%, 2013	1,150,000	c	1,178,750
Sr. Sub Notes, 9.25%, 2008	800,000	c	804,000
Georgia-Pacific: Sr. Notes, 7.375%, 2008	1,772,000	c	1,893,825
Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 2010	3,131,000	c	3,569,340
Sr. Notes, 9.375%, 2013	3,454,000	c	3,924,608
			<b>13,998,253</b>

**Pipelines - 6.2%**

ANR Pipeline: Debs., 7.375%, 2024	50,000	c	53,151
Notes, 8.875%, 2010	2,230,000	c	2,457,299
Sr. Notes, 7%, 2025	95,000	c	97,324
Dyneegy: Secured Notes, 9.875%, 2010	5,415,000	b,c	6,010,650
Secured Notes, 10.125%, 2013	3,550,000	b,c	4,029,250
Northwest Pipeline, Sr. Notes, 8.125%, 2010	2,200,000		2,398,000
Southern Natural Gas, Notes, 8.875%, 2010	1,795,000	c	1,977,961
Williams Cos.: Notes, 7.125%, 2011	1,000,000	c	1,085,000
Notes, 7.875%, 2021	1,900,000		2,170,750
Notes, 8.75%, 2032	435,000		524,719
			<b>20,804,104</b>

**Real Estate investment Trust - 1.3%**

BF Saul, Sr. Secured Notes, 7.5%, 2014	1,985,000	c	2,064,400
Host Marriott: Notes, Ser. I, 9.5%, 2007	90,000		95,850
Sr. Notes, Ser. M, 7%, 2012	2,150,000		2,241,375
			<b>4,401,625</b>

**Retail - 1.7%**

Amerigas Partners, Sr. Notes, 7.25%, 2015	1,100,000	b	1,149,500
JC Penney, Sr. Notes, 8%, 2010	1,472,000	c	1,626,560
Rite Aid: Sr. Secured Notes, 8.125%, 2010	1,035,000	c	1,071,225
Sr. Secured Notes, 12.5%, 2006	899,000		975,415
VICORP Restaurants, Sr. Notes, 10.5%, 2011	966,000		980,490
			<b>5,803,190</b>

**Structured Index - 4.5%**

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Credit Linked Notes, Ser. 4-T1, 8.25%, 2010	14,806,000	b,c,g	<b>14,880,030</b>
<b>Technology - 1.0%</b>			
Freescale Semiconductor, Sr. Notes, 6.875%, 2011	3,190,000		<b>3,397,350</b>
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<b>Telecommunications - 10.3%</b>			
American Tower:			
Sr. Notes, 7.125%, 2012	1,329,000		1,412,063
Sr. Notes, 9.375%, 2009	999,000	c	1,052,696
Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.25%, 2011	1,100,000	c	1,166,000
American Tower Escrow,			
Discount Notes, 0%, 2008	450,000	c	347,625
Hawaiian Telcom Communications,			
Sr. Notes, 8.91375%, 2013	1,050,000	b,d	1,086,750
Innova S de RL,			
Notes, 9.375%, 2013	1,814,000		2,054,355
Intelsat Bermuda:			
Sr. Notes, 7.805%, 2012	1,250,000	b,d	1,278,125
Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 2013	1,370,000	b	1,421,375
MCI,			
Sr. Notes, 8.735%, 2014	40,000		44,950
Nextel Partners,			
Sr. Notes, 12.5%, 2009	1,073,000	c	1,170,911
Pegasus Satellite Communications,			
Sr. Notes, 12.375%, 2006	677,000	f	374,889
Qwest:			
Bank Note, Ser. A, 6.5%, 2007	1,058,000	d	1,089,740
Bank Note, Ser. B, 6.95%, 2010	500,000	d	495,000
Qwest Services,			
Secured Notes, 14%, 2014	3,685,000		4,486,488
Roger Wireless:			
Sr. Secured Notes, 7.25%, 2012	2,000,000		2,170,000
Sr. Secured Notes, 9.625%, 2011	1,000,000	c	1,178,750
SBA Telecommunications,			
Sr. Discount Notes, 0/9.75%, 2011	4,857,000	c,e	4,492,725
Spectrasite,			
Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 2010	1,763,000		1,877,595
UbiquiTel Operating,			
Sr. Notes, 9.875%, 2011	1,330,000		1,466,325
US Unwired,			
Second Priority Sr. Secured Notes, Ser. B, 10%, 2012	2,172,000		2,427,210
Western Wireless,			
Sr. Notes, 9.25%, 2013	3,026,000		3,460,987
			<b>34,554,559</b>
<b>Textiles &amp; Apparel - 1.1%</b>			
Dan River,			
Sr. Notes, 12.75%, 2009	1,831,000	b,f,h	0

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INVISTA, Notes, 9.25%, 2012	1,210,000	b	1,327,975
Levi Strauss & Co., Sr. Notes, 12.25%, 2012	2,166,000	c	2,377,185
			<b>3,705,160</b>
<b>Transportation - 3.0%</b>			
CHC Helicopter, Sr. Sub. Notes, 7.375%, 2014	1,476,000	c	1,479,690
Greenbrier, Sr. Notes, 8.375%, 2015	1,375,000	b	1,405,937
Gulfmark Offshore, Sr. Notes, 7.75%, 2014	1,745,000		1,845,338
TFM, S.A. de C.V., Sr. Notes, 10.25%, 2007	5,000,000	c	5,375,000
			<b>10,105,965</b>
<b>Total Bonds and Notes</b> (cost \$418,321,051)			<b>431,320,440</b>
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<b>Preferred Stocks - 2.9%</b>			
<b>Diversified Financial Service - 1.4%</b>			
Sovereign Capital Trust II, Cum. Conv., \$2.1875	92,250		4,082,062
Williams Holdings Of Delaware, Cum. Conv., \$2.75	6,650	b	606,813
			<b>4,688,875</b>
<b>Media - 1.5%</b>			
Paxson Communications, Cum., \$1,425	3		21,704
Cum. Conv., \$975	470	b	1,786,934
Spanish Broadcasting System (Units) Cum. Conv., Ser. B, \$107.5	3,043		3,264,066
			<b>5,072,704</b>
<b>Total Preferred Stocks</b> (cost \$12,844,561)			<b>9,761,579</b>
<b>Common Stocks - .3 %</b>			
<b>Chemicals - .1%</b>			
Huntsman	8,533	i	<b>172,964</b>
<b>Telecommunications - .2%</b>			
AboveNet	17,570	i	491,960
Horizon PCS, Cl. A	718	i	18,668
			<b>510,628</b>
<b>Gaming &amp; Lodging - 0%</b>			
Trump Entertainment Resorts	4,799	c,i	<b>65,268</b>
<b>Textiles &amp; Apparel - 0%</b>			
Dan River	58,891	i	<b>70,669</b>
<b>Total Common Stocks</b>			

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(cost \$1,627,073)			<b>819,529</b>
<b>Other - .0%</b>			
<b>Telecommunications - .0%</b>			
AboveNet (warrants)	7,395	i	59,160
AboveNet (warrants)	8,700	i	34,800
(cost \$275,029)			<b>93,960</b>
<b>Other Investment - 3.7%</b>			
<b>Registered Investment Company;</b>			
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Plus Money Market Fund			
(cost \$12,432,000)	12,432,000	j	<b>12,432,000</b>
<b>Total Investment</b> (cost \$445,500,164)	<b>136.1</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>454,427,507</b>
<b>Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivable</b>	<b>(36.1)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(120,559,796)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>333,867,711</b>

a Principal amount stated in U.S. Dollars unless otherwise noted.

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b Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyer.

At June 30, 2005, these securities amounted to \$100,783,398 or 30.2% of net assets.

c Collateral for Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

d Variable rate security-interest rate subject to periodic change.

e Zero coupon until a specified date at which time the stated coupon rate becomes effective until maturity.

f Non-income producing-security in default.

g Security linked to a portfolio of debt securities.

h The value of this security has been determined in good faith under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

i Non-income producing security .

j Investment in affiliated money market funds.

Securities valuation policies and other investment related disclosures are hereby incorporated by reference to the annual and semi annual reports previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form N-CSR.

### Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

(a) The Registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded, based on their evaluation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-Q is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods and that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in the reports that it files or submits on Form N-Q is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There were no changes to the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recently ended fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

### Item 3. Exhibits.

(a) Certifications of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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**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.

Dreyfus High Yield Strategies Fund

By: /s/ Stephen E. Canter  
Stephen E. Canter  
President

Date: August 10, 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/ Stephen E. Canter  
Stephen E. Canter  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 10, 2005

By: /s/ James Windels  
James Windels  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 10, 2005

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

(a) Certifications of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. (EX-99.CERT)

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