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## May Metro-East Housing Statistics Released

(Shiloh, Ill.) It is HOT outside and so is the Metro-East housing industry! The REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois released the May 2016 housing statistics. St. Clair, Monroe, and Randolph Counties all reported a higher number home sales in May 2016 compared to April 2016.

REALTORS® in St. Clair County also sold 14.3 percent more homes this May compared to last May 2015. St. Clair County continued its record selling trend by selling the highest number of homes sold in May 2016 over the last five years in May. In a month-over-month comparison, REALTORS® in St. Clair County also sold 14.7 percent more homes in May 2016. This County set another record in year-to-date home sales for January-May 2016. The year-to-date home sales in St. Clair County increased 12 percent compared to year-to-date home sales in May 2015.

Homes sales in Randolph County increased 41.7 percent in May 2016 compared to May 2015, resulting in the highest number of homes sold in May 2016 over the last 5 years in May. Compared to April 2016, REALTORS® in that same County sold 21.4 percent more homes in May 2016. In that same comparison, Monroe County reported a 28.9 percent increase in home sales. An increase in year-to-date home sales was also recorded for Monroe and Randolph Counties.

**“The strong and steady growth of home sales in the Metro-East is a positive sign for our communities,”** states Doug Payne, President of the REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois. **“The Metro-East community is a unique and special place to live and work. As REALTORS®, we are proud of our communities, which is why we strive to make them a better place to be. Recently, the Association donated \$2,000 to the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois. This important endeavor is so important to that non-for-profit organization, and we are proud to be able to help them. REALTORS® are here to help our community – whether it be to serve through community service or by helping you achieve the American dream of home ownership.”**

St. Clair, Clinton, and Randolph Counties all reported an increase in median home price in May 2016 compared to May 2015. St. Clair County reported a 6.9 percent increase, while the median price increased 1.4 percent in Clinton County and 60.3 percent in Randolph County. According to the Illinois REALTORS®, the statewide median home price rose 7.2 percent in May 2016 over May 2015.

Homes are selling quickly, averaging around just two months on the market statewide, according to the Illinois REALTORS®. As a continuation of good news for the state, the REAL (Regional Economics Applications Laboratory Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois) remarks that statewide home sales and median prices are expected to increase this summer. Statewide, they project that the median home price will rise 7.4 percent in June, 9.9 percent in July, and 10.7 percent.

**“REALTORS® can help guide the consumer through the buying and selling process. All real estate is local. National trends do not always reflect local market conditions.** Your best course of action when thinking about buying or selling is to consult with a REALTOR®, a knowledgeable real estate professional, who knows the local market conditions. REALTORS® work through the real estate transaction process daily and understand how to position a home for sale, negotiate contract terms, manage inspections and ensure a smooth settlement,” stated Payne.

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Residential Units May 2016						Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
County	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015
Monroe	49	50	41	35	38	38	30	32	21	34	31	36
St. Clair	336	294	278	274	188	293	277	182	141	233	194	237
Randolph	17	12	9	14	10	14	9	7	9	15	12	9
Clinton	20	23	34	37	18	28	27	13	13	26	20	27
Year-to-Date Home Sales (Jan. 1-May 31, 2016)												
Monroe	171	170	126	147	126							
St. Clair	1239	1106	953	1043	826							
Randolph	56	49	42	62	43							
Clinton	101	115	117	105	81							
Median Home Prices												
Monroe	\$ 195,000	\$ 202,150	\$ 184,900	\$ 176,250	\$ 162,458							
St. Clair	\$ 144,250	\$ 135,000	\$ 121,000	\$ 117,200	\$ 115,000							
Randolph	\$ 75,000	\$ 46,775	\$ 77,500	\$ 100,000	\$ 67,750							
Clinton	\$ 124,500	\$ 122,750	\$ 118,716	\$ 65,000	\$ 151,500							

Statistics are provided by MARIS and the Illinois Association of REALTORS®.

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RASI primarily serves the Illinois Metro-East market area, including St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph and Clinton Counties, except for the easternmost townships of Irishtown, Clement, Lake, East Fork, Meridian and Brookside.

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