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NORTH FORK Mid Year Housing Report

Real Estate

North Fork Homes Sales for the first 6 months of 2008 clearly shows significant declines in all 3 criteria monitored by **Town & Country** - **N**umber of **Home Sales**, **Total Sales Volume** and **Median Sales Price**.

The declines continue clear across each of the 6 price categories within the 5 hamlets. The market that seemed to fare the best was **JAMESPORT** (which includes Aquebogue, Baiting Hollow and South Jamesport) where the Number of Home Sales dropped by 26.4% from 53 in 1st half of 2007 to 39 same period 2008. Similarly, the Total Sales Volume of \$19.2M was a 35% decrease from last year same period, and a decrease in Median Home Sales price from \$463,500 to \$525,000 or 8%.

MATTITUCK (which includes Laurel and Cutchogue) was hardest hit in all 3 categories with -55%, -60% and -17% for Number of Home Sales, Total Sales Volume and Median Sales Price. respectively.

The North Fork hamlets had enjoyed several year after year banner growth patterns, thus it would be expected that markets would ebb as well as flow.

Fortunately, we are seeing more inquiries, showing appointments, and sales this summer which will lead to better numbers as the year closes. Keep in mind the statistics reported on reflect activity 3-6 months prior due to the time involved from point of "O & A" (offer & acceptance) until the time of closing and then to recording. Based on the activity in all 7 **Town** & **Country** offices we anticipate brighter forecasts.

The consensus among the buyers we've queried is such that, while we may not be at the bottom, prices have adjusted; sellers are ready to listen, and there's no better hedge against inflation than real estate and no safer real estate investment than the East End. Today's sophisticated buyers are investing their cash in real estate for those reasons and more. It seems they are choosing to "pull the trigger" now so that they don't end up in bidding wars in 6-12 months, which may result in a higher price- wise thinking.

To view more specifics on your particular locations and price ranges visit our website **1TownandCountry.com** and click on "Reports".

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^{*}Source: The Long Island Real Estate Report

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Jame esport) # Sales \$500k to \$3.5M to **Total Sales** Median Sales # Sales # Sales \$1M # Sales \$2M

\$999K

12

-33.33%

18

Sales

\$500k to

\$999K

13

-71.11%

45

Sales

\$500k to

\$999K

20

-31.03%

29

Sales

\$500k to

\$999K

12

-52.00%

25

Sales

\$500k to

\$999K

13

-59.38%

32

Sales

\$500k to

\$999K

70

-53.02%

149

to 1.99M

1

to 1.99M

3

-62.50%

8

to 1.99M

3

-66.67%

Sales \$1M

to 1.99M

-87.50%

to 1.99M

-100.00%

to 1.99M

8

-73.33%

30

Sales \$1M # Sales \$2M

Sales \$1M # Sales \$2M

to 3.49M

to 3.49M

-50.00%

2

to 3.49M

3

Sales \$2M

to 3.49M

1

1

to 3.49M

-100.00%

to 3.49M

5

-28.57%

7

Sales \$1M # Sales \$2M

Sales \$1M # Sales \$2M

Under 500K

26

-21.21%

33

Sales

Under 500K

22

-31.25%

32

Sales

Under 500K

21

-19.23%

26

Sales

Under 500K

22

-21.43%

28

Sales

Under 500K

59

-22.37%

76

Sales

Under 500K

150

-23.08%

195

Mattituck (Includes Laurel and Cutchogue)

Southold (Includes New Suffolk and Peconic)

Orient (Includes East Marion and Greenport)

Riverhead (Includes Calverton)

Combined North Fork Markets

of Sales

39

-26.42%

53

of Sales

39

-55.17%

87

of Sales

47

-29.85%

67

of Sales

36

-41.94%

62

of Sales

73

-36.52%

115

of Sales

234

-39.06%

384

1st H 2008

1st H 2007

1st H 2008

1st H 2008

1st H 2007

Change

Change

Change

Change

Change 1st H 2007

Change

Volume

19,218,043

-34.47%

29,329,160

Total Sales

Volume

24,705,825

-59.49%

60,991,954

Total Sales

Volume

32,783,252

-35.71%

50,995,991

Total Sales

Volume

20,177,625

-50.68%

40,910,740

Total Sales

Volume

31,212,770

-51.91%

64,905,971

Total Sales

Volume

128,097,515

-48.17%

247,133,816

Price

425,000

-8.31%

463,500

Median Sales

Price

462,500

-17.41%

560,000

Median Sales

Price

507,500

-8.56%

555,000

Median Sales

Price

454,000

-15.14%

535,000

Median Sales

Price

343,000

-15.84%

407,570

Median Sales

Price

432,500

-13.24%

498,500

Sales

4.99M

-100.00%

1

Sales

\$3.5M to

4.99M

1

1

Sales

\$3.5M to

4.99M

-50.00%

2

Sales

\$5M+

-100.00%

1

Sales

\$5M+

-100.00%

1

North Fork 2008 First Half Statist	ics
Sport (Includes Aqueboque, Baiting Hollow and Sout	h Jame

North Fork 2008	First Half Statistics