Highly Recommended Manure Composting books

Field Guide to On-Farm Composting (NRAES-114)
http://www.nraes.org/publications/nraes114.html

This book was developed to assist in day-to-day compost system management. It is spiral bound, is printed on heavy paper, and has a laminated cover for durability. Chapter tabs make finding information a snap. Topics discussed in the book include: operations and equipment; raw materials and recipe making; process control and evaluation; site considerations, environmental management, and safety; composting livestock and poultry mortalities; and compost utilization on the farm. Highlights of the guide include an equipment identification table, diagrams showing windrow formation and shapes, examples and equations for recipe making and compost use estimation, a troubleshooting guide, and 24 full-color photos. This book is intended as a companion to the highly successful On-Farm Composting Handbook, NRAES-54. (1999)

On-Farm Composting Handbook (NRAES-54)
http://www.nraes.org/publications/nraes54.html

This publication was awarded a blue ribbon in the 1993 ASAE Educational Aids Competition.

This handbook presents a thorough overview of farm-scale composting and explains how to produce, use, and market compost. The information will be useful for farmers, waste producers, environmental regulators, and public health officials. Topics covered include benefits and drawbacks, the process, raw materials, methods, operations, management, site and environmental considerations, using compost, marketing, economics, and other options for waste management. Also included are 55 figures, 32 tables, calculations, references, and a glossary. (1992)